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1 [The Board of Supervisors did not meet in
2 closed session Tuesday, January 22, 2008.]

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THE MEETING WILL PLEASE COME TO ORDER.
7 WOULD EVERYONE PLEASE TAKE THEIR SEATS? THIS MORNING, THE
8 INVOCATION WILL BE BY PASTOR LORETTA DIXON, GREATER WORKS
9 CHRISTIAN CENTER, FROM LANCASTER. THE PLEDGE WILL BE BY FRANK
10 DUDDLESTON, MEMBER OF THE POST NUMBER 287 AMERICAN LEGION,
11 WILMINGTON FROM THE FOURTH DISTRICT. PLEASE STAND.

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13 **PASTOR LORETTA DIXON:** THANK YOU SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, AND
14 THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS, FOR ALLOWING ME TO COME AND BLESS YOU
15 THIS AFTERNOON, AS I'M BLESSED BY BEING HERE. SUPERVISORS,
16 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WOULD YOU PLEASE JOIN ME IN PRAYER?
17 FATHER, WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR MANY BLESSINGS AND WE COME
18 BEFORE YOU THIS AFTERNOON SEEKING YOUR FAVOR FOR THESE MEN AND
19 WOMEN. LORD, YOU SAID WE ARE TO HONOR THOSE IN AUTHORITY OVER
20 US, SO I GIVE THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THE HONOR DUE THEM,
21 AND I THANK THEM FOR THE JOB THAT THEY ARE DOING FOR THE
22 PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I SAY TO EACH ONE OF YOU, IT IS
23 NO ACCIDENT THAT YOU ARE IN THIS PLACE ON JANUARY 22ND, 2008,
24 BECAUSE THIS IS A YEAR OF NEW BEGINNINGS AND YOU HAVE BEEN
25 CALLED TO THIS OFFICE FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS. I THANK YOU,



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1 FATHER, FOR CALLING THEM AND I THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS, FOR
2 RESPONDING TO THE HIGH CALLING OF YOUR OFFICE. FATHER, I
3 BELIEVE THAT THIS YEAR, 2008, WILL BE A BANNER YEAR FOR LOS
4 ANGELES COUNTY. THERE WILL BE MANY CHANGES THIS YEAR, AND I
5 PRAY THAT YOU WILL GIVE THIS BOARD EXTRA WISDOM TO BE ABLE TO
6 HANDLE DIFFICULT DECISIONS BECAUSE THE DECISIONS THEY MAKE
7 DON'T JUST AFFECT THOSE OF US IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY OR EVEN IN
8 THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, BUT IN SOME INSTANCES THEIR WORDS ARE
9 HEARD AROUND THE WORLD. LORD, I THANK YOU NOW IN ADVANCE THAT
10 YOU GIVE THEM EXTRA UNDERSTANDING TO MAKE THE CORRECT
11 DECISIONS ON THE MANY ISSUES THAT DEMAND THEIR ATTENTION ON A
12 DAILY BASIS. FATHER, YOU REMINDED ME OF A VERY STRANGE THING.
13 WHEN MY DAD HAD TO HAVE SKIN GRAFTS AFTER BEING BURNED, I WAS
14 REMINDED THAT A SKIN GRAFT IS REJECTED, IT SHRINKS UP AND
15 DIES, BUT IF IT IS ACCEPTED BY THE BODY AS A WHOLE, THAT BODY
16 BECOMES HEALTHY AND THRIVES. SO I ASK THAT YOU WILL LET THE
17 IDEAS OF EACH OF THESE SUPERVISORS BE LIKE A HEALTHY GRAFT
18 WHICH WILL BENEFIT THE WHOLE BODY OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. LORD,
19 I UNDERSTAND THAT EACH SUPERVISOR IS CONCERNED NOT ONLY WITH
20 ISSUES PERTAINING TO THE COUNTY AS A WHOLE BUT ALSO WITH HIS
21 OR HER OWN DISTRICT. I ASK THAT YOU HELP THEM TO BE WILLING TO
22 COMPROMISE ON THE ISSUES THAT THEY CAN'T CHANGE AND THE
23 COURAGE AND BOLDNESS TO CHANGE THOSE THINGS THEY CAN. FATHER,
24 I ASK THAT YOU REMOVE THE PRESSURE AND STRESS THAT IS A PART
25 OF THEIR UNWRITTEN JOB DESCRIPTION SO THEY WILL KNOW WHEN TO



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1 MOVE FORWARD QUICKLY AND WHEN TO WAIT FOR THE CORRECT TIME.
2 SURROUND THEM WITH MEN AND WOMEN WHO AREN'T THERE FOR SELFISH
3 REASONS, BUT FOR SELFLESS REASONS AND WHO WILL TRULY HELP
4 CARRY THE LOAD. FINALLY, LORD, I PRAY FOR PROTECTION FROM ANY
5 HARM FOR THESE SUPERVISORS AND THEIR HOUSEHOLDS. I PRAY THAT
6 THIS WILL BE A YEAR OF GREAT PEACE FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY, THE
7 STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND FOR OUR COUNTRY. IN ALL THESE THINGS I
8 PRAY, AND I THANK YOU FOR ANSWERING IN THE NAME OF YOUR SON.
9 AMEN.

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11 **FRANK DUDDLESTON:** SUPERVISORS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, LET US
12 ALSO PLEASE REMEMBER THE VETERANS WHO ARE IN HARM'S WAY.
13 PLEASE JOIN ME IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. READY? BEGIN.
14 [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT'S A PLEASURE TO WELCOME PASTOR LORI DIXON
19 TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. SHE IS A RESIDENT OF THE ANTELOPE
20 VALLEY AND WAS ORDAINED IN 1989. SHE HAS SERVED CHURCHES IN
21 BOTH PALMDALE AND LANCASTER, AND BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH THE
22 GREATER WORKS CHRISTIAN CENTER FOR THE PAST SIX YEARS. SHE
23 SERVED AS THE CHAPLAIN AT ANTELOPE VALLEY HOSPITAL. AND BEEN
24 ON SEVERAL OUTREACH MISSIONS TO MALAYSIA, THE PHILIPPINES,



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1 ZIMBABWE AND SOUTH AFRICA WITH HER CHURCH, IN HELPING TO BUILD
2 NEW CHURCHES AND CHILDREN'S HOMES. SO PASTOR? THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, IT IS MY
5 PRIVILEGE TO SAY A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO FRANK DUDDLESTON WHO
6 IS A MEMBER OF AMERICAN LEGION POST NUMBER 287 IN WILMINGTON.
7 IN THE PAST, HE HAS HELD THE POSITION OF SECOND VICE
8 PRESIDENT. HE SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY FROM 1964 TO
9 1968 AS A SPECIALIST FOURTH CLASS WITH THE 13TH SIGNAL
10 BATTALION. HE HAS RECEIVED THE ARMY GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL, THE
11 NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL, THE VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL, THE
12 MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION MEDAL AND THE VIETNAM CAMPAIGN
13 MEDAL. HE CURRENTLY LIVES IN THE CITY OF LONG BEACH AND HE'S
14 LIVED IN THE FOURTH DISTRICT FOR 33 YEARS. FRANK HAS THREE
15 CHILDREN. SO ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND MY COLLEAGUES AND THE
16 BOARD, WE'D LIKE TO THANK YOU, ONE, FOR YOUR DEDICATED SERVICE
17 TO OUR COUNTRY BUT ALSO TAKING TIME OUT OF YOUR BUSY SCHEDULE
18 TO LEAD US IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

19

20 **FRANK DUDDLESTON:** YOU'RE ENTIRELY WELCOME. THANK YOU.

21 [APPLAUSE.]

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23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** LET'S START WITH THE AGENDA.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF
2 THE BOARD. WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE 3, PUBLIC
3 HEARING ITEMS 1 THROUGH 8. ON ITEMS NUMBER 5, 6 AND 8, AS
4 INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUESTS
5 THAT THESE ITEMS BE CONTINUED WITHOUT DISCUSSION TO FEBRUARY
6 26TH, 2008.

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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10 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON THOSE ITEMS, COULD I HAVE A MOTION ON
11 THOSE?

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13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** FOR CONTINUANCE?

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15 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** FOR THE CONTINUANCE.

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17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY KNABE;
18 WITHOUT OBJECTION, WE CONTINUE.

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20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THE REMAINING ITEMS WE WILL HOLD FOR THE
21 PUBLIC HEARING. ON PAGE 7, ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, BOARD OF
22 SUPERVISORS ITEMS 9 AND 10?

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY,
25 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.



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2 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CONSENT ITEMS 11 THROUGH 15, ON ITEM NUMBER
3 13, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE CHIEF
4 EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO
5 THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, AND ALSO THERE IS A REQUEST
6 FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'LL HOLD 13.

9

10 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** OKAY. ON ITEM NUMBER 14, THE SHERIFF
11 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO JANUARY 29TH,
12 2008.

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14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY
15 YAROSLAVSKY, WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM 15, THERE IS A REQUEST FROM A
18 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. AND THE REMAINDER OF
19 THE CONSENT ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY MOLINA;
22 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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24 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 10, ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION,
25 ITEMS 16 AND 17, AND I'LL READ THE SHORT TITLE IN FOR THE



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1 RECORD. ON ITEM NUMBER 16, THIS IS AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE
2 6, SALARIES OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE RELATING TO THE
3 ADDITION, DELETION AND CHANGING OF CERTAIN CLASSIFICATIONS,
4 AND NUMBER OF ORDINANCE POSITIONS IN VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS AS A
5 RESULT OF THE BUDGET PROCESS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008, COUNTY
6 WIDE CLASSIFICATION STUDIES AND TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY MOLINA; WITHOUT
9 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

10

11 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM 17, THIS IS AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
12 TITLE 5, PERSONNEL OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE TO MAKE
13 VARIOUS TECHNICAL CHANGES TO THE DEFERRED COMPENSATION AND
14 THRIFT PLAN, HORIZON PLAN, THE DEFERRED EARNINGS PLAN, THE
15 SAVINGS PLAN, AND THE TERMINATION PAY PICKUP PLAN, INCLUDING
16 CHANGES NECESSARY TO COMPLY WITH FEDERAL TAX LAW AND INTERNAL
17 REVENUE SERVICE REGULATIONS, AND PUBLISHED GUIDANCE.

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19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY MOLINA,
20 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

21

22 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** DISCUSSION ITEMS, ITEMS 18 THROUGH 20, WE
23 WILL HOLD. ON ITEM 19, THIS INCLUDES SUPERVISOR BURKE AND
24 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY'S AMENDMENT AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED
25 AGENDA. AND IT ALSO INCLUDES SUPERVISOR KNABE AND SUPERVISOR



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1 ANTONOVICH'S AMENDMENT AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL
2 AGENDA. AND ON ITEM 20, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL
3 AGENDA, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
4 CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO JANUARY 29TH, 2008. HOWEVER, THERE IS
5 ALSO A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

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7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ON 20, WE WILL HOLD.

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9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** TWENTY? MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE
10 AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE
11 MEETING, AS INDICATED TO KNOW THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, ITEM
12 21-A.

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14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY,
15 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 21-B.

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19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY
20 YAROSLAVSKY, WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

21

22 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 14, NOTICE OF CLOSED SESSION, ON
23 ITEM C.S.-1, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS
24 ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO JANUARY 29TH, 2008.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT'LL BE CONTINUED.

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3 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE
4 AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH
5 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 2.

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7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE HAVE A CONSUL GENERAL HERE. I'M PLEASED
8 TO INTRODUCE THE HONORABLE NINA ERSMAN, CONSUL GENERAL FROM
9 SWEDEN. WELCOME. CONSUL GENERAL ERSMAN BRINGS A BACKGROUND OF
10 WIDE EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION TO HER POSITION AS A DIPLOMAT.
11 BEFORE BEGINNING HER SERVICE IN THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS, SHE HAD
12 A DISTINGUISHED CAREER IN JOURNALISM, THAT INCLUDED REPORTING
13 AND EDITING POSITIONS WITH SWEDISH NATIONAL TELEVISION AS
14 EDITOR IN CHIEF FOR VARIOUS PRINT PUBLICATIONS. SHE GRADUATED
15 FROM SWEDISH UNIVERSITY WITH DEGREES IN ECONOMICS AND IN
16 CLASSICS AND MODERN GREEK. FOLLOWING HER JOURNALISM CAREER,
17 SHE WENT ON TO SERVE AS PRESS COUNSELOR AT THE SWEDISH
18 EMBASSIES IN PARIS, FRANCE, AND IN WASHINGTON, D.C. SO SHE'S
19 BEEN WITH US FOR A LONG TIME. BEFORE SHE CAME TO LOS ANGELES,
20 SHE WAS DIRECTOR AND HEAD OF PRESS SERVICES AT MINISTRY OF
21 FOREIGN AFFAIRS. SHE WAS APPOINTED AS THE NEW SWEDISH CONSUL
22 GENERAL LAST SEPTEMBER 1ST. ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF
23 SUPERVISORS AND MORE THAN 10 MILLION PEOPLE, WE WELCOME YOU
24 AND ARE VERY PLEASED TO HAVE YOU JOIN US.

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1 **HON. NINA ERSMAN:** DEAR LADIES AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LOS ANGELES
2 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THANK YOU FOR INVITING ME TO THIS
3 OPPORTUNITY TO INTRODUCE MYSELF AND REMIND YOU ALL OF SWEDEN'S
4 LONGSTANDING FRIENDSHIP WITH LOS ANGELES AND CALIFORNIA. I
5 DON'T KNOW HOW MANY OF YOU HAVE BEEN TO SWEDEN YET, BUT I WANT
6 TO REMIND YOU THAT SWEDEN IS A COUNTRY ALMOST EXACTLY AS BIG
7 AS CALIFORNIA AND IT'S ALSO SHAPED THE SAME WAY AS CALIFORNIA,
8 NORTH/SOUTH KIND OF OBLONG. BUT OF COURSE WE SWEDES ARE FEWER
9 THAN CALIFORNIANS. WE ARE ABOUT THE SAME AS LOS ANGELES, IN
10 FACT. BIG COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. BUT EVEN IF WE ARE FEWER
11 SWEDES, I'M SURE THAT YOU ALL ALMOST DAILY SEE PRODUCTS FROM
12 OUR COUNTRY. FOR EXAMPLE, IKEA, VOLVO, SAAB, INGMAR BERGMAN,
13 ABBA, THEY'RE ALL SWEDISH. MAYBE YOU DIDN'T KNOW THAT. IN THE
14 LATEST CENSUS HERE IN CALIFORNIA, HALF A MILLION CALIFORNIANS
15 CLAIMED SWEDISH ETHNICITY. DID YOU ALSO KNOW THAT CALIFORNIA
16 HAS HAD MORE NOBEL PRIZE LAUREATES THAN ANY OTHER NATION OR
17 STATE? IN ALL, 107 CALIFORNIANS HAVE BEEN AWARDED THIS SWEDISH
18 PRESTIGE PRIZE, AND ALL IN THE FIELD OF SCIENCES. THAT IS
19 IMPRESSIVE. THE MISSION OF SWEDEN'S CONSULATE GENERAL IN LOS
20 ANGELES, WHERE I'M THE CONSUL GENERAL, IS TO PROMOTE THE
21 CORPORATION AND LINKS BETWEEN SWEDISH AND AMERICAN
22 ENTERPRISES, UNIVERSITIES, RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS, CULTURE
23 ORGANIZATIONS AND OTHER VENUES, AND OF COURSE TO PROVIDE
24 CONSULAR ASSISTANCE TO ALL SWEDISH CITIZENS IN WESTERN UNITED
25 STATES. LET ME JUST MENTION ONE RECENT EXAMPLE OF COOPERATION



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1 BETWEEN SWEDEN AND CALIFORNIA THAT WE ARE VERY, VERY PROUD OF.
2 SWEDEN AND CALIFORNIA SHARE THE SAME TARGETS TO CUT EMISSIONS
3 OF GREENHOUSE GASES AND THE STRIVE TO BREAK THE OIL
4 DEPENDENCY. ON THE BASIS OF THESE SHARED AMBITIONS, CALIFORNIA
5 AND SWEDEN SIGNED A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON RENEWABLE
6 FUELS AND ENERGY ABOUT A YEAR AND A HALF AGO. ONE OF THE AREAS
7 OF SPECIAL INTEREST FOR CALIFORNIA HAS BEEN THE ADVANCED WORK
8 IN SWEDEN TO DEVELOP BIOGAS AS AN ALTERNATIVE FUEL FOR CARS.
9 WE ARE REALLY THRILLED ABOUT THE CONTINUED COOPERATION IN THIS
10 STRATEGIC FIELD WITH CALIFORNIA, THE STATE WITH THE MOST
11 SERIOUS AND PROACTIVE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM OF ALL
12 THE UNITED STATES. GOOD LUCK AND THANK YOU SO MUCH.

13 [APPLAUSE.]

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AT THIS TIME I'D LIKE TO CALL FORWARD
16 NORTHROP GRUMMAN REPRESENTATIVE KITA DAVIS. HEADQUARTERED
17 RIGHT HERE IN LOS ANGELES, NORTHROP GRUMMAN'S COMMUNITY
18 INVOLVEMENT IS HISTORICAL, ALWAYS BEEN INVOLVED. THE DIVERSE
19 WORKFORCE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN STRONG AMBASSADORS IN THE
20 COMMUNITY, SHARING INTEREST IN SUPPORTING EDUCATION AND SOCIAL
21 DEVELOPMENT. THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN
22 REQUESTED AND RECEIVED AN EXTRAORDINARY SPONSORSHIP
23 CONTRIBUTION FROM NORTHROP GRUMMAN IN CELEBRATION OF THE NINTH
24 L.A. COUNTY RUN FOR HEALTH 5 K RUN/WALK AND WELLNESS EXPO THAT
25 WAS HELD IN SEPTEMBER. THE EVENT WAS A HUGE SUCCESS THAT



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1 RAISED FUNDING FOR 21 \$1,000 EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS FOR AT-
2 RISK GIRLS. IT IS WITH GREAT HONOR THAT I PRESENT THIS SCROLL
3 TO NORTHROP GRUMMAN AND EXTEND SINCERE APPRECIATION FOR THEIR
4 EFFORTS IN JOINING THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN
5 IN CONTINUED SUPPORT OF EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR YOUNG
6 WOMEN. THANK YOU SO MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

7

8 **KITA DAVIS:** I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY ON BEHALF OF NORTHROP
9 GRUMMAN, IT GIVES US GREAT PLEASURE TO SUPPORT LOS ANGELES
10 COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN, THE SUCCESSFUL EVENT, GIRLS AT
11 RISK. WE WISH THEM SUCCESS AS THEY CONTINUE TO PROVIDE
12 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ALL THESE YOUNG LADIES, AND NORTHROP GRUMMAN
13 IS GLAD TO BE A PART OF IT. GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT'S WITH GREAT PLEASURE THAT I PRESENT
16 THESE SCROLLS TO THE YOUNG WOMEN SELECTED TO RECEIVE THE
17 SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS, SPONSORED BY L.A. COUNTY
18 COMMISSION FOR WOMEN, NINTH ANNUAL L.A. COUNTY RUN FOR HEALTH
19 WALK. AUDREY JACKSON FROM THE SECOND DISTRICT IS 18 YEARS OLD
20 AND GRADUATED FROM WESTCHESTER HIGH SCHOOL. HER GOAL IS TO BE
21 THE FIRST IN HER FAMILY TO ATTEND AND GRADUATE FROM A COLLEGE
22 OR UNIVERSITY. SHE PLANS TO ATTEND A HISTORICALLY BLACK
23 UNIVERSITY AFTER OBTAINING HER ASSOCIATE DEGREE. SHE'S
24 PRESENTLY ENROLLED IN EL CAMINO COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND IS
25 INTERESTED IN BEING INVOLVED IN POLITICS. CONGRATULATIONS TO



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1 YOU. [APPLAUSE.] SHENARA S. JONES FROM CAMP JOSEPH SCOTT
2 ACADEMY IS 19 YEARS OLD, GRADUATED FROM WESTCHESTER HIGH
3 SCHOOL. SHE'S AMBITIOUS, DETERMINED, AND WILLING TO LEARN AND
4 IS AN EXPERT IN MARKETING AND BUSINESS. HER GOAL IS TO CLIMB
5 THE CORPORATE LADDER TO OBTAIN THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE POSITION.
6 SHE PLANS TO ATTEND SANTA MONICA CITY COLLEGE. [APPLAUSE.]
7 JENNIFER MADRIGAL, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES, IS 19
8 YEARS OLD, HAS A 2-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER. HER GOAL IS TO BE AN
9 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER BECAUSE SHE DISCOVERED SHE WORKS
10 WELL WITH CHILDREN. SHE'S A FULL-TIME MOTHER AND STUDENT AT EL
11 CAMINO COMMUNITY COLLEGE. SHE'S VERY RESPONSIBLE AND MOTIVATED
12 AND WORKS VERY HARD TO ACHIEVE HER SUCCESS. CONGRATULATIONS TO
13 YOU. [APPLAUSE.] AND FINALLY FROM THE SECOND DISTRICT,
14 STEPHANIE PULITO, SHE'S 18 YEARS OLD. SHE WAS A PART-TIME--
15 SHE WAS PART OF THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM, AND WANTS TO BE A
16 MENTOR AND PROVIDE ENCOURAGEMENT AND MOTIVATION TO HELP
17 CHILDREN THAT ARE IN THE SAME FOSTER CARE SITUATION. STEPHANIE
18 ATTENDS ST. MARY'S ACADEMY. IN TWO YEARS SHE PLANS TO ENROLL
19 IN LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY TO OBTAIN HER BACHELOR'S AND
20 MASTER'S DEGREE AND MAJOR IN PSYCHOLOGY. CONGRATULATIONS TO
21 YOU. [APPLAUSE.] CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.]

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. IT'S MY HONOR-- I THINK
24 THIS IS ON-- TO CONGRATULATE NOT ONLY THE COMMISSION ON THE
25 STATUS OF WOMEN, BUT ALSO NORTHROP GRUMMAN FOR THEIR



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1 CONTRIBUTION HERE. I'M GOING TO BRING UP MY AWARDEES. THESE
2 SCHOLARSHIPS ARE VERY IMPORTANT, AS WE ALL KNOW. THEY GIVE YOU
3 THE KIND OF BOOST THAT YOU NEED, NOT ONLY FINANCIALLY BUT ALSO
4 AS FAR AS KIND OF SELF-ESTEEM. AND THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO
5 BELIEVE IN US AND WANT US TO DO WELL AND SUCCEED. SO THESE
6 SCHOLARSHIPS HAVE UNBELIEVABLE MEANING. FIRST OF ALL LET ME
7 INTRODUCE DULCE SETS. SHE IS A 20 YEAR OLD AND IS CURRENTLY
8 ATTENDING EAST L.A. COLLEGE. SHE IS THE ELDEST OF SIX CHILDREN
9 AND IS PURSUING A COLLEGE EDUCATION IN ORDER TO HELP SUPPORT
10 HER FAMILY. SHE IS INTERESTED IN DRAWING AND WANTS TO BECOME A
11 GRAPHIC ANIMATOR. WE CONGRATULATE DULCE FOR THIS WONDERFUL
12 SCHOLARSHIP. CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.] CYNTHIA FELIX IS NOT
13 HERE, BUT LET ME SHARE WITH HER. SHE ALSO RECEIVED A \$1,000
14 SCHOLARSHIP. SHE IS A 24-YEAR-OLD U.C.L.A. GRADUATE WITH A
15 DOUBLE MAJOR IN ENGLISH WORLD LITERATURE AND SPANISH
16 LITERATURE. SHE WAS RECENTLY ACCEPTED TO THE PUBLIC MASTER'S
17 PROGRAM AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY AND HER ULTIMATE GOAL IS TO BE
18 A PHYSICIAN AND WORK WITH THE PEACE CORPS PUBLIC HEALTH
19 PROGRAM OR TO WORK IN THE PROGRAM CALLED DOCTORS WITHOUT
20 BORDERS. WE WANT TO CONGRATULATE CYNTHIA AS WELL FOR HER
21 ACCOMPLISHMENT. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.] NEXT WE HAVE EDITH
22 GOMEZ. VERY SHY. EDITH IS 18 YEARS OLD. SHE RECENTLY RECEIVED
23 HER G.E.D. FROM CAMP SCOTT ACADEMY AND SHE PLANS TO ATTEND
24 EAST L.A. COLLEGE, WHERE I ATTENDED, AND LATER TRANSFERRED TO
25 A UNIVERSITY. SHE HAS NARROWED HER CAREER CHOICES TO NURSING,



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1 PSYCHIATRY OR DENTISTRY, AND I'M CERTAIN SHE'S GOING TO
2 ACHIEVE WHICHEVER ONE SHE SELECTS. SHE ENJOYS TRAVELING AND
3 EXPERIENCING OTHER COUNTRIES. WE'RE VERY PROUD TO BE PART OF
4 AWARDING HER THIS SCHOLARSHIP, AS WELL. CONGRATULATIONS TO
5 YOU, EDITH. AND ANGELICA IS NOT HERE? LET ME READ ANGELICA
6 BAUTISTA, IS A 23 YEAR OLD WHO CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY AT
7 SAN BERNARDINO. SHE ARRIVED IN THE UNITED STATES FROM BOLIVIA
8 WHEN SHE WAS 10 YEARS OLD SHE ENTERED THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM
9 WHEN SHE WAS 16. DESPITE SOME VERY TOUGH LIFE CHALLENGES SHE
10 HAS BEEN WORKING HARD TO EARN HER MASTER'S DEGREE AND HER
11 PH.D. DEGREES IN BUSINESS. ALTHOUGH ANGELICA WAS UNABLE TO
12 JOIN US TODAY, WE WILL MAKE SURE THAT SHE RECEIVES HER
13 CERTIFICATE, AND I HOPE YOU'LL ALL JOIN WITH ME IN
14 CONGRATULATING HER, AS WELL. THANK YOU SO MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL I HAVE TWO PRESENTATIONS TO MAKE. YES.
17 FIRST IS VERONICA JIMENEZ? IS VERONICA HERE? NOT HERE. AND
18 VALERIE SANTIAGO? SHE'S NOT HERE EITHER. AND HOW ABOUT SOLENDIA
19 GOMEZ? ALL RIGHT. IS VERONICA HERE? THERE WE GO, OKAY.
20 VERONICA JIMENEZ HAILS FROM THE ALMEDO PROGRAM DEPARTMENT OF
21 PUBLIC AND SOCIAL SERVICES. SHE'S 18 YEARS OLD. SHE HAS A
22 DAUGHTER. HAS BEEN A REGULAR VOLUNTEER AT FERNANGELES
23 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS AS A CLASSROOM
24 ASSISTANT. VERONICA PLANS TO ATTEND CAL STATE UNIVERSITY IN
25 LOS ANGELES AND MAJOR IN POLITICAL SCIENCE AND EVENTUALLY



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1 BECOME A LAWYER. LET ME PRESENT YOU, VERONICA, WITH THIS
2 PROCLAMATION. GOOD LUCK TO YOU. IT'S JUST WHAT WE NEED IS MORE
3 LAWYERS, BUT ESPECIALLY GOOD ONES. VERONICA JIMENEZ.
4 [APPLAUSE.] AND THE LAST-- THAT WAS IT. VALERIE IS NOT HERE.
5 VALERIE AND SOLENDIA, WE'LL GET THEM THEIR PROCLAMATIONS. THANK
6 YOU, MADAME CHAIR. THEY'RE ATTENDING CLASS. THIS IS A CLASS.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

9

10 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. I'M GOING TO ASK
11 CHARLOTTE LESSER TO JOIN ME UP HERE, COMMISSIONER AND THE
12 CURRENT CHAIR FROM THE FOURTH DISTRICT. WE HAD FIVE YOUNG
13 LADIES CHOSEN AND TWO OF THEM ARE WITH US HERE TODAY. FIRST OF
14 ALL I'M GOING TO ASK YESENIA GONZALEZ TO JOIN US, PLEASE.
15 YESENIA IS 18 YEARS OLD AND RECEIVED HER G.E.D. AT CAMP SCOTT
16 ACADEMY. SHE IS ASPIRING TO BE THE FIRST IN HER FAMILY TO
17 OBTAIN A COLLEGE DEGREE. SHE ENJOYS AND IS GOOD AT WORKING
18 WITH PEOPLE. SHE HAS PLANS ON ATTENDING RIO HONDO COMMUNITY
19 COLLEGE TO MAJOR IN NURSING AND EVENTUALLY OBTAIN A REGISTERED
20 NURSING DEGREE. WE TRULY DO NEED MORE NURSES. SO
21 CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.] NEXT I'D LIKE TO INVITE TEJA
22 OYAMA. TEJA IS 18 YEARS OLD AND A FORMER FOSTER CARE CHILD.
23 SHE IS VERY ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION "STAND
24 UP FOR KIDS" IN KOINONIA FAMILY SERVICES. SHE'S ATTENDING CAL
25 STATE UNIVERSITY, LOS ANGELES. HER GOAL IS TO OBTAIN A



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1 BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN LIBERAL ARTS AND A MASTER'S DEGREE IN
2 SOCIAL WORK. SO CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.] I MIGHT ADD,
3 BECAUSE I THINK IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT, WHILE THEY WERE UNABLE
4 TO JOIN US TODAY, KIMBERLY FRANKLIN WHO IS 23 YEARS OLD, A
5 FORMER FOSTER CARE CHILD AND THE FIRST IN HER FAMILY TO ATTEND
6 COLLEGE. HER GOAL IS TO OPEN MEDICAL CLINICS FOR CHILDREN IN
7 DISADVANTAGED NEIGHBORHOODS AND PROVIDE HIGH QUALITY, LOW COST
8 HEALTHCARE. SHE'S ASPIRING TO ATTEND CHARLES DREW MEDICAL
9 SCHOOL. SHE CURRENTLY ATTENDS CAL STATE UNIVERSITY LONG BEACH
10 AND IS MAJORING IN HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATION. ALSO UNABLE TO
11 JOIN US TODAY IS MAY SALCEDO. MAY IS 23 YEARS OLD AND IS
12 GRADUATING FROM CAL STATE LONG BEACH IN THE SPRING OF THIS
13 YEAR. AFTER RECEIVING HER BACHELOR'S DEGREE, SHE WANTS TO GO
14 ON TO EITHER A NURSING SCHOOL OR A MASTER'S PROGRAM IN
15 COUNSELING. SHE'S VERY INTERESTED IN WORKING IN THE EDUCATION
16 FIELD OR FOR THE LONG BEACH HEALTH DEPARTMENT. AND FINALLY
17 UNABLE TO JOIN US BUT ANOTHER GREAT ACHIEVER, CHANEL IGLESIAS
18 IS 17 YEARS OLD AND ACHIEVED HER G.E.D. AT CAMP SCOTT ACADEMY.
19 SHE, TOO, WAS THE FIRST IN HER FAMILY TO GRADUATE FROM HIGH
20 SCHOOL. PRESENTLY SHE IS CONSIDERING TAKING EMERGENCY MEDICAL
21 TECHNICIAN COURSES. FOR EMPLOYMENT SHE PLANS TO ATTEND
22 CERRITOS COMMUNITY COLLEGE. SO LET'S GIVE THEM ALL A BIG ROUND
23 OF APPLAUSE. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]
24



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FOR THE FIFTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT, WE'D
2 LIKE TO RECOGNIZE ZENA BRANCH, WHO IS 18 YEARS OLD AND JUST
3 RECEIVED HER G.E.D AT THE CAMP SCOTT ACADEMY. SHE IS
4 INTERESTED IN STUDYING PSYCHOLOGY AND WANTS TO WORK WITH
5 JUVENILE OFFENDERS RESIDING IN OUR JUVENILE HALLS BECAUSE OF
6 HER PAST POSITIVE EXPERIENCE. SHE'S PLANNING TO ATTEND MOUNT
7 SACK COLLEGE. [APPLAUSE.] TOLITHIA JAMES IS 18 YEARS OLD AND
8 ALSO A FORMER FOSTER CHILD WHO WOULD LIKE TO BE A PUBLIC
9 SPEAKER TO MOTIVATE OTHERS ABOUT HER PAST EXPERIENCES. SHE
10 PLANS TO ATTEND CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY AT FULLERTON AND
11 WORK TOWARD A MASTER'S DEGREE IN SOCIAL WORK. [APPLAUSE.]

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** WE WEREN'T SURE SHE WAS GOING TO JOIN US, BUT WE
14 HAVE ONE ADDITIONAL WINNER FROM THE FIRST DISTRICT, IS RAQUEL
15 SIERRA. RAQUEL IS 18 YEARS OLD AND SHE'S A SINGLE PARENT. SHE
16 HAS A TWO-YEAR-OLD BOY. SHE'S ALWAYS WANTED TO BECOME A
17 REGISTERED NURSE. SHE DECIDED SHE WANTED TO BECOME A
18 REGISTERED NURSE WHEN SHE WAS TAKING CARE OF I GUESS YOUR
19 GRANDFATHER, RIGHT? AND SHE HELPED HIM WITH A LOT OF HIS
20 MEDICATIONS AND I GUESS LEARNED ALL ABOUT CARING OR PROVIDING
21 CARE FOR SOMEONE. AND BECAUSE OF THAT, SHE WANTS TO BECOME A
22 NURSE. AND I HOPE SHE WILL BE SUCCESSFUL AND THIS SCHOLARSHIP
23 WILL HELP HER. AND WHEN YOU COME BACK AND WE'D LOVE TO HIRE
24 YOU. WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR GOOD NURSES. SHE'S PLANNING ON
25 ATTENDING TRADE SCHOOL THAT HAS A NURSING PROGRAM. AND SO WE



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1 WANT TO CONGRATULATE RAQUEL FOR HER SCHOLARSHIP.

2 CONGRATULATIONS RAQUEL. [APPLAUSE.]

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'LL NOW RECOGNIZE THE CHAIR OF OUR
5 COMMISSION.

6

7 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. AS CHAIR THIS YEAR OF THE COMMISSION
8 FOR WOMEN, I WANTED TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR
9 TAKING THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RECOGNIZE THESE YOUNG WOMEN AND TO
10 ENCOURAGE THEM, THROUGH YOUR SUPPORT, FOR A CHANGE IN THEIR
11 LIVES, FOR ALL THAT CAN BE. SO I THANK YOU. AND WE'RE HERE TO
12 SUPPORT THE WOMEN OF THE COUNTY. AND WE APPRECIATE YOUR
13 SUPPORT OF US. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'D LIKE TO CALL FORWARD REVEREND SO KANG-
16 SUK OF SAE EDEN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IS A HUMANITARIAN AND
17 MESSENGER OF PEACE. HE'S A VISIONARY THAT HAS WORKED
18 EFFORTLESS FOR A PEACEFUL UNIFICATION OF THE TWO KOREAS. LAST
19 YEAR, HE WAS HONORED WITH AN INTERNATIONAL PEACE AWARD FROM
20 THE MARTIN LUTHER KING PARADE COMMITTEE AND SERVED AS THE
21 INTERNATIONAL GRAND MARSHAL IN LAST YEAR'S KINGDOM DAY PARADE.
22 IT WAS WITH GREAT PLEASURE THAT I PRESENT THIS SCROLL TO
23 REVEREND SO KANG-SUK OF HIS MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS, HIS
24 UNWAVERING DEDICATION TO FURTHER THE UNDERSTANDING, FRIENDSHIP
25 AND PEACE BETWEEN TWO GREAT NATIONS. [APPLAUSE.]



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2 **SO KANG-SUK:** <SPEAKS IN KOREAN>

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4 **INTERPRETER:** THE PASTOR HAS EXPRESSED TO THANK TO THANK YOU
5 FOR THIS SUPERVISOR BOARD FOR ALL HIS SERVICE FOR THE DR.
6 MARTIN LUTHER KING INTERNATIONAL GRAND MARSHAL, AND TO
7 EXCHANGE THE CULTURE. I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE YOU THAT THE
8 SUPERVISOR BURKE, SO LET ME INTRODUCE ESPECIALLY OUR ANGELS'
9 VOICE CHOIR FROM KOREA, THAT 39 ANGELS IS HERE. YESTERDAY DR.
10 MARTIN LUTHER KING PARADE, THEY OWNED THE FLOOR. THEY THREW
11 OUT THE N.B.C. T.V. AND C.B.S., N.B.C. AND ALSO EXCHANGED
12 KOREAN SONG AND AMERICAN SONG. WE WOULD LIKE TO GIVE A BIG
13 HAND FOR THESE. [APPLAUSE.]

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND THEY WERE WELL-RECEIVED.
16 THIS YOUNG GROUP THAT CAME ALL THE WAY FROM KOREA, THEY WERE
17 VERY WELL RECEIVED. AND WE WELCOME THEM HERE TODAY. THANK YOU
18 VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.] THAT CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATIONS. ZEV,
19 DO YOU HAVE PRESENTATIONS? SUPERVISOR MOLINA, DO YOU HAVE
20 PRESENTATIONS? ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, DO YOU HAVE
21 PRESENTATIONS? THIS IS A RECORD.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THIS IS ONE OF THE GREAT INSTITUTIONS,
24 LEADERS, ICONS OF OUR COUNTY. AND I WAS IN GORMAN THIS PAST
25 WEEK WHERE I RECOGNIZED RUTH RALPHS FOR HER 33 YEARS OF



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1 DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE SCHOOL BOARD. LIKE SYBIL BRAND WAS SO
2 DEDICATED TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, RUTH RALPHS HAS BEEN
3 DEDICATED TO GORMAN. SHE'S ACCOMPANIED BY KATHY COLLINS, LLOYD
4 RALPHS, SANDY VALDEZ, LISA WESTAFORO, KAREN KINGSLEY AND SUE
5 PAGE, WHO IS THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE GORMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT.
6 RUTH HAS SERVED AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD FOR OVER 33 YEARS.
7 THE RALPHS FAMILY IS ONE OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S MOST
8 PROMINENT FAMILIES. IN FACT, EVERYBODY IN L.A. COUNTY HAS
9 PROBABLY BEEN IN ONE OF THEIR STORES, RALPHS GROCERY STORES.
10 SHE DONATED THE LAND ON WHICH THE GORMAN SCHOOL WAS BUILT, AND
11 WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF GORMAN THROUGHOUT ITS
12 LONG HISTORY, AND WE SALUTE RUTH FOR HER MANY, MANY YEARS OF
13 SERVICE AND DEDICATION, FOR QUALITY EDUCATION AND QUALITY
14 CIVIC PARTICIPATION, AND WE JUST RECOGNIZE HER FOR HER
15 WONDERFUL WORK AND HER DEDICATION TO HER FAMILY, HER
16 COMMUNITY, HER STATE AND HER NATION. SO, RUTH,
17 CONGRATULATIONS. AND NOW YOU CAN KEEP THIS ONE. SORRY WE HAD
18 TO TAKE IT BACK TO BRING BACK TO YOU TODAY, BUT WE JUST WANT
19 TO THANK YOU. I KNOW YOU HAD A LOT OF HAPPY SHOPPERS OUT THERE
20 WHO HAVE BEEN TO YOUR STORES BEFORE.

21

22 **RUTH RALPHS:** THANK YOU, MIKE, VERY MUCH. IT IS AN HONOR TO BE
23 HERE TODAY. [APPLAUSE.]

24

25 **RUTH RALPHS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** COME OVER HERE TO THE MICROPHONE.

3

4 **RUTH RALPHS:** EVEN THOUGH I HAVE RETIRED FROM THE GORMAN
5 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT AFTER 33 YEARS, I WILL STILL BE AN
6 INTEGRAL PART OF THE DISTRICT AND THE COMMUNITY. THANK YOU
7 VERY MUCH.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. AND WE HOPE IT DOESN'T SNOW TOO
10 MUCH TONIGHT FOR YOU. GET HOME BEFORE THE SNOW COMES IN
11 GORMAN. WE ALWAYS SEE THAT ON TELEVISION ON THE NEWS. NOW WE
12 HAVE A LITTLE BOY, JACK RUSSELL, HE'S 24 MONTHS OLD, HIS NAME
13 IS BINGO. WHERE IS BINGO? MAYBE BINGO JUST SCORED. OH, HERE HE
14 COMES. HE'S GETTING A SWEATER ON. I THOUGHT HE WAS GOING TO
15 GORMAN'S. LITTLE BINGO IS LOOKING FOR A HOME. SO IF YOU'D LIKE
16 TO ADOPT LITTLE-- LOOKS LIKE A LITTLE BEAGLE IS IN THERE
17 SOMEWHERE. LITTLE BINGO WOULD LIKE TO FIND A HOME. ANYBODY?
18 JAMIE? HOW ABOUT GIVE IT TO YOUR GRANDFATHER STAN? HERE, GET
19 CLOSER. COME, I'LL FEED OVER HERE. THIS IS LITTLE BINGO, 24
20 MONTHS OLD, LOOKING FOR A HOME. HE WANTS TO CELEBRATE THE
21 COMING RAINS, A LITTLE ANXIOUS. 562-748-4644, ANYBODY IN THE
22 AUDIENCE CAN HAVE BINGO. THAT'S IT.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'LL NOW GO-- START THE AGENDA. SUPERVISOR
25 YAROSLAVSKY, YOU REQUESTED THAT WE START WITH 19, RIGHT? YOU



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1 DID NOT? WELL WE'LL START WITH 19 SINCE THERE'S SO MANY PEOPLE
2 HERE. COULD WE ASK PUBLIC WORKS TO COME FORWARD? IS THE
3 DEPARTMENT HERE? OKAY. THEY MAY WANT TO GO OVER AND EXPLAIN
4 PART OF THE PROGRAM: THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF WORK THAT'S BEEN
5 PUT INTO THIS. I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE THAT'S WORKED ON IT.
6 NO MATTER HOW THIS IS RESOLVED, I THINK THE MOST IMPORTANT
7 THING IS THAT EVERYONE HAS BEEN VERY, VERY CONCERNED AND
8 WORKING HARD TO MOVE FORWARD FOR SOMETHING THAT WE ALL KNOW WE
9 HAVE TO MINIMIZE AND ONE DAY ELIMINATE ALL OF THE PLASTIC
10 BAGS. AND I THINK WE CAN ALL AGREE ON THAT. [APPLAUSE]
11 [CHEERS.] AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, I THINK IT'S GREAT WE'RE
12 DOWN TO THE KIND OF DETAILS WE'RE TALKING ABOUT, SO WILL THE
13 PUBLIC WORKS PLEASE COME FORWARD? WE APPRECIATE YOUR HARD WORK
14 IN BRINGING TOGETHER ALL OF THE DIFFERENT CONCERNED GROUPS,
15 THE GROCERS, ENVIRONMENTALISTS, HEAL THE BAY, THE PEOPLE WHO
16 ARE-- THEY ARE INTERESTED AND THEY ARE CONCERNED. AND WE'VE
17 HAD A LOT OF DIFFERENT MEETINGS COMING UP WITH A NUMBER OF
18 ALTERNATIVES. MAYBE YOU CAN EXPLAIN THE METHODS THAT WERE USED
19 AT ARRIVING AT THESE ALTERNATIVES AND THEN THE RECOMMENDED
20 ALTERNATIVES WE HAVE BEFORE US.

21

22 **PAUL ALBA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
23 PAUL ALBA. I'M A SENIOR CIVIL ENGINEER WITH THE LOS ANGELES
24 COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. LET ME FIRST SAY THAT THE
25 COUNTY STAFF HAS BEEN MEETING ON A REGULAR BASIS WITH A NUMBER



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1 OF STAKEHOLDERS TO COME UP WITH ALTERNATIVES TO REDUCE PLASTIC
2 BAGS. THESE ALTERNATIVES INCLUDED AN OUTRIGHT BAN, THE
3 ESTABLISHMENT OF RECYCLING BENCHMARKS AND TWO STAKEHOLDER
4 OPTIONS. BASED ON STAKEHOLDER INPUT, COUNTY STAFF RECOMMENDS
5 ADOPTION OF ALTERNATIVE 5, SINCE IT ESTABLISHES A FRAMEWORK
6 FOR INDUSTRY, GROCERS, THE COUNTY AND MOST IMPORTANTLY THE
7 PUBLIC, VOLUNTARILY WORKING TOGETHER TO REDUCE PLASTIC BAG
8 CONSUMPTION AND LITTER. PLASTIC BAG LITTER WOULD BE REDUCED
9 THROUGH A COMBINATION OF INCREASED AT-STORE RECYCLING OF
10 PLASTIC BAGS, NUMBER TWO, REDUCING THE NUMBER OF BAGS USED,
11 AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, BAGGER RETRAINING AND PUBLIC EDUCATION.
12 HIGHLIGHTS OF ALTERNATIVE 5 INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING: LARGE
13 SUPERMARKETS AND RETAIL STORES WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE
14 FOLLOWING THREE THINGS: ONE, THEY WOULD NEED TO TRAIN
15 PERSONNEL TO PROMOTE REASONABLE BAGS, AVOID DOUBLE BAGGING,
16 AND PROMOTE AT-STORE RECYCLING. THEY WOULD ALSO BE RESPONSIBLE
17 TO ESTABLISH INCENTIVES TO REDUCE PLASTIC BAG USE, SUCH AS
18 PROVIDING REUSABLE BAG CREDITS OR ESTABLISHING A VOLUNTARY
19 PER-BAG FEE FOR EACH PLASTIC BAG. AND THE THIRD COMPONENT THAT
20 LARGE SUPERMARKETS AND RETAIL STORES WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR,
21 IS THAT THEY WOULD PARTICIPATE IN EDUCATIONAL EFFORTS TO
22 PROMOTE REUSABLE BAGS. THE THIRD CONCRETE ITEM OF ALTERNATIVE
23 5 IS REQUIRING MANUFACTURERS AND TRADE ASSOCIATIONS TO BE
24 RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FOLLOWING THREE THINGS: NUMBER ONE, THEY
25 WOULD ENCOURAGE THEIR MEMBERS TO JOIN THE COUNTY'S PROGRAM,



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1 PARTICIPATE IN MEDIA EVENTS, TO PROMOTE THE COUNTY'S PROGRAM,
2 AND NUMBER THREE, THEY WOULD WORK WITH MEMBERS TO IMPROVE DATA
3 COLLECTION AND REPORTING. THE THIRD AND FINAL FEATURE OF
4 ALTERNATIVE 5 IS THAT THE COUNTY, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
5 STAKEHOLDERS, WOULD DO THE FOLLOWING TASKS: CONDUCT
6 STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS ON A REGULAR BASIS, DEVELOP MINIMUM
7 PARTICIPATION EXPECTATIONS, DEVELOP A RECOGNITION PROGRAM FOR
8 STORES DOING OUTSTANDING PROGRAMS, DISTRIBUTE REUSABLE BAGS AT
9 MEDIA EVENTS, ENCOURAGE THE USE OF 40 PERCENT RECYCLED CONTENT
10 PAPER BAGS, ENCOURAGE OTHER CITIES TO JOIN THE COUNTY'S
11 PROGRAM, WORK WITH THE STATE AND INDUSTRY TO ENHANCE THE
12 PLASTIC BAG RECYCLING MARKET, DEVELOP PUBLIC EDUCATION
13 MATERIALS AND, FINALLY, DEVELOP THE METHODOLOGY BY WHICH THE
14 COUNTY GOALS WOULD BE ACHIEVED. IN SUMMARY, IF ALTERNATIVE 5
15 IS ADOPTED, THE COUNTY WILL USE THE FRAMEWORK I JUST DESCRIBED
16 IN DEVELOPING THE SPECIFIC DETAILS FOR THE COUNTY'S PROGRAM
17 BETWEEN NOW AND JULY 1ST. MOST IMPORTANTLY, THE ATTRACTIVENESS
18 OF ALTERNATIVE 5 IS THAT IT ALLOWS US TO EXPAND THE PROGRAM TO
19 OTHER CITIES AND CONVENIENCE STORES. THERE HAS BEEN SO MUCH
20 PUBLICITY ABOUT ALTERNATIVE 5 THAT THERE'S EVEN DISCUSSION
21 ABOUT MAKING IT A STATEWIDE PROGRAM. ULTIMATELY THE GOAL OF
22 ALTERNATIVE 5 IS TO WORK TOGETHER TO ACHIEVE THE SPECIFIC
23 DISPOSAL REDUCTION GOALS OF 35 PERCENT BY JULY 1ST, 2010 AND
24 70 PERCENT BY JULY 1ST, 2013. IF IT'S DETERMINED THAT THE



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1 GOALS ARE NOT MET, A BAN ON PLASTIC BAGS WOULD GO INTO EFFECT.
2 THAT CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATION.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE NOW HAVE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE
5 WHO HAVE ASKED TO SPEAK. I THINK WE HAVE ABOUT 30 PEOPLE.
6 ANYONE WHO FEELS THAT THEIR POSITION HAS ALREADY BEEN
7 PRESENTED TO US AND YOU HAVE A WILLINGNESS TO ALLOW US TO GO
8 TO THE NEXT PERSON SO WE COULD REDUCE THE TIME, WE'D
9 APPRECIATE THAT. BUT I'M GOING TO START CALLING EVERYONE. AND
10 AFTER ONE POINT, PERHAPS SOME PEOPLE WILL JOIN TOGETHER AND
11 HAVE ONE PERSON SPEAK FOR THEM. BUT LET'S START WITH BRYAN
12 EARLY. AND THEN WE'RE GOING TO BE CALLING TRACEY CHAVIRA,
13 IRMA, MUNOZ. PLEASE COME FORWARD. STATE YOUR NAME.

14

15 **BRYAN EARLY:** HI.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, IS THERE OBJECTION
18 FROM THE BOARD TO HAVING TWO MINUTES PER SPEAKER? OR WOULD YOU
19 PREFER THREE MINUTES? TWO IS OKAY? IS EVERYONE AGREEABLE?
20 WE'LL HAVE TWO MINUTES PER SPEAKER. WOULD YOU TRY TO
21 SUMMARIZE? IF YOU HAVE A WRITTEN STATEMENT, TRY TO SUMMARIZE
22 IT IN TWO MINUTES.

23

24 **BRYAN EARLY:** ESTEEMED SUPERVISORS AND STAFF, MY NAME IS BRYAN
25 EARLY, I'M WITH CALIFORNIANS AGAINST WASTE. WE'RE A STATEWIDE



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1 MEMBERSHIP-BASED ENVIRONMENTAL NONPROFIT THAT ADVOCATES ON
2 RECYCLING AND SOLID WASTE ISSUES. ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND OUR
3 MEMBERS, I'VE COME HERE TO SAY THAT WE'RE GENERALLY IN SUPPORT
4 OF ALTERNATIVE 5, WITH THE AMENDMENTS, AND WE THINK THIS WOULD
5 BE A STRONG PROGRAM. THE BENCHMARKS AS LAID OUT ARE VERY
6 TOUGH. KEEP IN MIND THAT CURRENTLY WE SOMETIME ESTIMATE THAT
7 AROUND 4 PERCENT OF PLASTIC BAGS ARE BEING RECYCLED. SO THAT
8 30 PERCENT BENCHMARK IS REAL PROGRESS, NOT TO MENTION 65 OR 70
9 OR WHATEVER YOU DECIDE UPON. THE C.A.W. IS SO CONFIDENT IN
10 THESE BENCHMARKS THAT WE ARE WORKING WITH ASSEMBLYMAN LLOYD
11 LEVINE TO TRANSLATE THESE INTO A STATE LAW AND AN AMENDMENT OF
12 THE EXISTING E.B.2449, WHICH WE SPONSORED. C.W. GENERALLY
13 BELIEVE THAT THE REPEAL OF THE PER BAG FEE IS UNNECESSARY.
14 UNDER THE CURRENT LAW, RETAILERS MAY STILL VOLUNTARILY CHARGE
15 FOR BAGS. AND WE BELIEVE THAT SUCH A VOLUNTARY FEE WILL
16 PROBABLY BE A PART OF ANY SERIOUS ATTEMPT ON THE PART OF THE
17 RETAILERS TO MEET THESE BENCHMARKS. SO IN SUMMARY, I URGE YOUR
18 SUPPORT OF THIS. WE THINK THIS IS REAL PROGRESS. I KNOW
19 THERE'S BEEN SOME CONCERN OVER THE EXACT FIGURES, BUT WE
20 BELIEVE THAT WHETHER IT'S 30 OR 35, THIS IS GOING TO GET THE
21 JOB DONE AND GET PLASTIC BAGS OUT OF THE ENVIRONMENT. THANK
22 YOU.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ALEX PUGH, WOULD YOU PLEASE COME
25 FORWARD?



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2 **TRACEY CHAVIRA:** GOOD AFTERNOON MY NAME IS TRACEY CHAVIRA, AND
3 I'M THE DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS FOR CENTRAL CITY
4 ASSOCIATION OF LOS ANGELES. C.C.A SUPPORTS THE COUNTY'S
5 EFFORTS TO REDUCE, REUSE AND RECYCLE PLASTIC CARRYOUT BAGS.
6 OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS, C.C.A. HAS WORKED CLOSELY WITH THE
7 CITY OF LOS ANGELES TO DESIGN A WORKABLE, CITY-WIDE GREEN
8 BUILDING POLICY WHICH WOULD CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY TO ENERGY
9 SAVINGS AND REDUCE CARBON EMISSIONS AND SOLID WASTE LEADING TO
10 OUR LANDFILLS. AS BUSINESS LEADERS, WE RECOGNIZE THE
11 IMPORTANCE OF WORKING COLLABORATIVELY WITH ALL STAKEHOLDERS TO
12 CREATE BALANCED AND MEANINGFUL POLICY. WHILE C.C.A. SUPPORTS
13 THE COUNTY'S EFFORTS TO REDUCE THE USE OF PLASTIC CARRYOUT
14 BAGS, WE RECOMMEND THAT IT SET REALISTIC GOALS THAT ARE
15 ATTAINABLE OVER A LONGER PERIOD OF TIME RATHER THAN GRANDIOSE
16 GOALS THAT WILL SET UP RETAILERS FOR FAILURE. THIS IS WHY
17 C.C.A. SUPPORTS THE UNDERLYING PRINCIPLES INCORPORATED INTO
18 ALTERNATIVE 5, WHEN COMBINED WITH THE AMENDMENT PUT FORWARD BY
19 SUPERVISORS ANTONOVICH AND KNABE. C.C.A. SUPPORTS AN AMENDMENT
20 THAT WOULD REQUIRE THE COUNTY TO DRAFT AN ORDINANCE BANNING
21 PLASTIC BAGS IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS IN 2010 INSTEAD OF 2009
22 IF USE IS NOT REDUCED THE 30 PERCENT BY 2010 AND 65 PERCENT BY
23 2013. WITHOUT THIS AMENDMENT, WE ARE UNABLE TO SUPPORT
24 ALTERNATIVE 5. THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP, AND WE



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1 APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO VOICE OUR CONCERNS AS YOU
2 DELIBERATE ON THIS IMPORTANT ENVIRONMENTAL MATTER.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME? AND
5 WOULD CATHY BROWN PLEASE COME FORWARD?

6

7 **IRMA MUNOZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS IRMA MUNOZ, THE
8 PRESIDENT OF MUJERES DE LA TIERRA. WE'RE A NONPROFIT
9 ENVIRONMENT ORGANIZATION WITH 11 CHAPTERS AND AFFILIATES
10 THROUGHOUT THE CITY AND COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. WHEN WE LOOK AT
11 AN ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES, OUR FIRST FOCUS IS THE IMPACT IT'S
12 GOING TO HAVE ON THE FAMILY, THE IMPACT IT'S GOING TO HAVE ON
13 THE LOCAL NEIGHBORHOOD AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THAT
14 PARTICULAR AREA. WE HAVE BEEN GOING TO A NUMBER OF MEETINGS
15 REGARDING THE ISSUE OF BANNING PLASTIC BAGS. AND I THINK THAT
16 EVERYBODY IN THIS ROOM ALL AGREES THAT THEY SHOULD BE BANNED.
17 [APPLAUSE.] I THINK THAT WHAT WE DON'T AGREE ON IS HOW TO GET
18 THERE. AND I MUST SAY THAT I'M SURE I'M NOT GOING TO GET
19 APPLAUSE FOR THIS STATEMENT, BUT I DON'T THINK THAT WE'RE
20 READY TO BAN PLASTIC BAGS. AND THE REASON I SAY THAT IS, WE'VE
21 GOT TO TAKE THE RIGHT STEPS SO THAT WE DON'T SET ANY ENTITY UP
22 TO FAIL. AND THAT MEANS ALL OF US. I WORK WITH THE PEOPLE THAT
23 CAN'T BE HERE BECAUSE THEY'RE WORKING FOR A LIVING. I WORK AND
24 REPRESENT THE FOLKS THAT UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF USING
25 REUSABLE BAGS. AS A MATTER OF FACT, WE JOINED WITH OUR



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1 PARTNER, HEAL THE BAY, ON OUR DAY WITHOUT A BAG IN EL MONTE
2 AND IT WAS RECEIVED VERY WELL. BUT THE WOMEN THERE TOLD ME "WE
3 WOULD LIKE TO USE THESE BAGS, BUT IF WE HAVE TO BUY THEM, THE
4 BAG COSTS BETWEEN \$1.50 TO \$2.50 AND THAT FOR US IS MILK AND
5 EGGS FOR THE KIDS." WE HAVE TO BE REALISTIC. AND WHEN I VISIT
6 MY MOM ON THE WEST SIDE, I GO INTO TRADER JOE'S OR WHOLE
7 FOODS, AND THERE IT'S PART OF THE LIFESTYLE. PEOPLE GO TO THE
8 TRUNK OF THEIR CAR AND PULL OUT THEIR REUSABLE CANVAS BAGS.
9 THAT IS NOT WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE MAJORITY OF THE COUNTY OF
10 LOS ANGELES. WE, INCLUDING NONPROFITS, WE INCLUDING THE
11 COUNTY, WE INCLUDING THE GROCERS' ASSOCIATION AND THE PLASTICS
12 INDUSTRIES AND ALL THE OTHER FOLKS WHO REALLY CARE ABOUT THE
13 ISSUE, NEED TO SIT AT THE TABLE AND FIGURE THIS OUT. GROCERS'
14 ASSOCIATION, I FEEL THAT THEY SHOULD GIVE OUT FREE RECYCLABLE
15 BAGS FOR SIX MONTHS TO ANYBODY WHO GOES INTO THEIR STORES. AND
16 AT THAT POINT, EVERYBODY BUYS THEIR RECYCLABLE BAG. I THINK
17 THEY SHOULD BE CHARGING AFTER SIX MONTHS 10 TO 15 CENTS IF
18 THEY WANT A PLASTIC BAG. THE BURDEN HAS TO BE ON EVERYONE
19 HERE, FOLKS. LIKE I SAID, I SUPPORT THE BAN ON PLASTIC BAGS,
20 IT'S JUST HOW WE GET THERE THAT'S AT QUESTION TODAY. THANK YOU
21 FOR YOUR TIME.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. DO YOU KNOW WHAT? WE'RE NOT
24 GOING-- OUR POLICY IS WE DO NOT HAVE ANY CLAPPING. WE DON'T
25 HAVE CHEERING. IF YOU WISH TO CHEER, YOU CAN DO LIKE THIS,



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1 QUIETLY. [LAUGHTER.] BUT IT JUST TAKES TOO MUCH TIME. AND WE
2 DON'T HAVE CHEER, WE DON'T HAVE BOO. SO NEXT WE'D LIKE TO CALL
3 MICHAEL JAY UP. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

4

5 **ALEX PUGH:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ALEXANDER PUGH. I'M WITH
6 THE LOS ANGELES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. THE LOS ANGELES CHAMBER
7 OF COMMERCE SUPPORTS ALTERNATIVE 5 WITH AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY
8 SUPERVISORS ANTONOVICH AND KNABE TO REDUCE TO A GOAL OF 30
9 PERCENT BY REDUCTION BY 2010 AND 65 BY 2013. THE LOS ANGELES
10 CHAMBER IS VERY ENCOURAGED BY THE COUNTY'S EFFORTS TO WORK
11 WITH INDUSTRY, TO WORK WITH RETAILERS AND TO BALANCE THE NEEDS
12 OF ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS AND RETAILERS. I'LL KEEP MY COMMENTS
13 SHORT BECAUSE THERE ARE A LOT OF OTHER PEOPLE THAT ARE GOING
14 TO SAY WHAT I'M GOING TO SAY. CLEANING THE ENVIRONMENT HERE IN
15 LOS ANGELES IS A QUALITY OF LIFE ISSUE THAT THE CHAMBER
16 SUPPORTS. IT'S IMPORTANT FOR ALL OF US. WE WANT TO MAKE SURE
17 THAT WE MAINTAIN A FAIR BUSINESS CLIMATE, AS WELL. SO THANK
18 YOU VERY MUCH.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. IS MICHAEL JAY COMING FORWARD?
21 AND THEN I'M GOING TO ASK ELIZABETH LEON AND CAROLINA PARRA,
22 WHO ARE FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL CHARTER SCHOOL. THEY HAVE TO
23 GET BACK TO SCHOOL. SO WE'RE GOING TO TAKE THEM AS SOON AS WE
24 HEAR FROM YOU.

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1 **CATHY BROWNE:** HI, MY NAME IS CATHY BROWNE. I WORK FOR A
2 PLASTIC BAG MANUFACTURER HERE IN LOS ANGELES. WE'RE LOCATED IN
3 HUNTINGTON PARK. WE HAVE 300 EMPLOYEES. I'M ALSO THE PRESIDENT
4 OF C.E.F.C.A., IT'S AN ORGANIZATION OF 100 FILM MEMBERS IN THE
5 WESTERN STATES. I JUST WANT TO MAKE A FEW COMMENTS. FIRST OF
6 ALL, THANK YOU TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THANK YOU TO THE
7 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND THE COUNTY STAFF FOR ALLOWING
8 US TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCESS. I WANT TO MAKE A FEW
9 COMMENTS. THE FIRST COMMENT I'D LIKE TO MAKE IS THAT PLASTIC
10 BAGS THAT ARE MANUFACTURED HERE IN THE U.S., THE BAGS THAT OUR
11 COMPANY MAKES, ARE NOT MADE OF CRUDE OIL. THE FEEDSTOCK FOR
12 OUR PRODUCTS, THE BAGS MADE HERE IN THE U.S. ARE NATURAL GAS.
13 IT'S A MISNOMER OR MISINFORMATION THAT THE BAGS ARE MADE OF
14 CRUDE OIL. BANNING THE BAGS IS NOT GOING TO AFFECT OIL USAGE
15 HERE IN THE UNITED STATES. SECONDLY, PLASTIC BAGS ARE 100
16 PERCENT RECYCLABLE. YOU CAN TAKE THEM BACK TO THE STORE BIN AS
17 DICTATED BY A.B.2449. AND IF YOU LIVE IN THE CITY OF L.A., YOU
18 CAN PUT THEM IN YOUR BLUE BIN. THEY ARE 100 PERCENT
19 RECYCLABLE. THE WOVEN REUSABLE BAGS, AND I SEE SOME OF THE
20 PEOPLE HERE CARRYING THEM TODAY, THE GREEN BAGS, AND ALSO THE
21 BAGS THAT WERE PROVIDED BY THE COUNTY OF L.A., THE BRAG ABOUT
22 YOUR BAG, THOSE ARE MADE OF PLASTIC. THEY'RE MADE OF PLASTIC
23 FROM CHINA. THEY'RE WOVEN POLYPROPYLENE BAGS, AND THOSE BAGS
24 ARE NOT RECYCLABLE. WHILE WE APPLAUD ALL THOSE
25 ENVIRONMENTALISTS O WHO WANT TO USE REUSABLE BAGS, WHAT I'D



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1 LIKE TO SAY IS THAT'S A CHOICE. IT'S A CHOICE THAT YOU'RE
2 MAKING AS A CONSUMER TO USE A REUSABLE BAG, BUT I DON'T THINK
3 THAT GOVERNMENT AND THE COUNTY SHOULD LEGISLATE OR MANDATE
4 WHAT TYPE OF BAG CONSUMERS OR SHOPPERS CHOOSE TO USE. IT
5 SHOULD BE A CHOICE. AS IRMA EARLIER STATED, IF YOU'RE A MOM
6 THAT'S LIVING IN HUNTINGTON PARK OR LIVING IN SOUTH GATE AND
7 YOU HAVE A BIG FAMILY AND YOU'RE BUYING 20 OR 30 BAGS OF
8 GROCERIES, YOU SHOULD NOT BE FORCED BY THE COUNTY TO USE A
9 REUSABLE BAG. YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO USE THE BAG OF YOUR
10 CHOICE. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

13

14 **MICHAEL JAY:** HI. THANK YOU. MICHAEL JAY.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ARE ELIZABETH -- THEY'RE COMING IN. WILL
17 YOU PLEASE COME UP? ELIZABETH AND CAROLINA? STATE YOUR NAME.

18

19 **MICHAEL JAY:** MICHAEL JAY WITH PROGRESSIVE DEMOCRATS OF LOS
20 ANGELES. AND I TELL YOU, I HAVE MADE THE TRIP HERE TOO MANY
21 TIMES WHERE THE SUPERVISORS HAVE NOT LISTENED, TO DO IT AGAIN.
22 THERE ARE 100 PEOPLE AT LEAST HERE BEHIND ME, NOT WITH MY
23 ORGANIZATION BUT WHO TOOK TIME OFF ON A WORKDAY TO TALK TO
24 YOU. I'M IN OPPOSITION TO WHAT I JUST HEARD FROM THIS
25 GENTLEWOMAN, BUT I HAVE TO SAY IT DISTURBED ME TO SEE YOU



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1 DOING EMAIL OR ANYTHING ELSE WHILE PEOPLE ARE GIVING GOOD
2 COGENT INFORMATION. THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION. TODAY, WHOLE
3 FOODS, HEADLINE FROM BUSINESS WEEK, "NO MORE PLASTIC BAGS."
4 LAST WEEK, CHINA, LARGEST MANUFACTURER OF PLASTIC BAGS SAID
5 THEY WILL NOT MANUFACTURE THEM ANYMORE. SAN FRANCISCO, IN
6 APRIL, BANNED PLASTIC BAGS. THEY DID NOT SAY, "WE'RE GOING TO
7 RECYCLE THEM." THEY DID NOT SAY, "WE'RE GOING TO ENCOURAGE X
8 PERCENT OR 30 PERCENT RECYCLING." THEY BANNED THEM. DO YOU
9 KNOW WHY? NOW, THIS IS WHERE I WANT YOU TO LISTEN. A FRIEND OF
10 MINE FROM FOUR YEARS AGO I JUST RE-MET TOLD ME SHE WENT TO
11 GRIFFITH PARK THIS WEEKEND. SHE WAS IN THE AREA OF GRIFFITH
12 PARK BETWEEN THE CHILDREN'S GOLF COURSE AND THE TENNIS COURTS
13 AND SHE TOLD ME ABOUT ALL THE BEAUTIFUL BIRDS AND WILDLIFE SHE
14 SAW. SHE WAS STUNNED. HER AND HER BOYFRIEND HAD NOT SEE THIS
15 BEFORE. BUT SHE SAID SHE ALSO SAW THOUSANDS OF PLASTIC BAGS.
16 THAT'S THE PROBLEM. YOU CAN'T RECYCLE THEM. THEY'RE CHEAP.
17 THEY BLOW AWAY IN THE WIND. THEY'RE VERY LIGHT. AND PEOPLE
18 TOSS THEM AWAY AND THEY WIND UP IN OUR PARKS, THEY WIND UP IN
19 YOUR RIVERS AND SEWERS, THEY WIND UP IN ANIMALS' GULLETS. THIS
20 OTHER HEADLINE I HAVE HERE SAYS THAT 5 TO 6 TRILLION OF THESE
21 BAGS ARE MADE, THAT 3 TO 400 BILLION ARE MADE EACH YEAR. THAT
22 IN AMERICA WE USE THAT AMOUNT 2 TO 3 PER PERSON, 200 MILLION
23 AMERICANS SHOPPING EVERY DAY. THAT'S WHY WE NEED TO BAN THEM.
24 I APPRECIATE YOU LISTENING, THANK YOU.

25



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WILL MARIO JUAREZ PLEASE COME FORWARD?

2 STATE YOUR NAME.

3

4 **ELIZABETH LEON:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ELIZABETH LEON AND
5 CAROLINA PARRA, AND SOME OTHER OF MY FELLOW GREEN AMBASSADORS.
6 WE COME FROM ENVIRONMENTAL CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL. WE ARE THE
7 GREEN AMBASSADORS. AND WE ARE AGAINST THE ALTERNATIVE 5. WE
8 WANT TO BAN PLASTIC. WE DO NOT NEED PLASTIC IN THIS WORLD AND
9 WE NEVER STARTED WITH IT. THERE ARE-- AMERICAN PEOPLE WEIGH
10 APPROXIMATELY 150 BILLION POUNDS, BUT 100 BILLION POUNDS OF
11 PLASTIC RESIN PELLETS ARE PRODUCED IN AMERICA ANNUALLY. THERE
12 ARE PLASTIC BAGS EVERYWHERE. IT IS NOT NEEDED. WE ARE RUNNING
13 OUT OF OIL. WE DO NOT NEED OIL, JUST LIKE WE DON'T NEED
14 PLASTIC. AND I THINK THE REASON WE ARE RUNNING OUT OF OIL IS
15 BECAUSE WE DON'T NEED IT IN THE FIRST PLACE, JUST LIKE WE
16 DON'T NEED BAGS. WE DO NOT NEED BAGS IN OUR ENVIRONMENT
17 BECAUSE THEY ARE OBVIOUSLY HURTING OUR ENVIRONMENT, AND US AS
18 STUDENTS WANT TO TAKE THAT AWAY AND TRY TO CHANGE THE WORLD A
19 LITTLE BIT. WE ARE THE FUTURE AND WE NEED TO DO SOMETHING
20 ABOUT IT. ALL OF US AS INDIVIDUALS NEED TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT
21 IT. AND I THINK ANOTHER STEP IS BY BANNING PLASTICS BECAUSE WE
22 DO NOT-- THERE IS NO NEED FOR IT.

23

24 **RAQUEL LOSA:** WELL, PERSONALLY IN OUR SCHOOL, WE'RE TALKING
25 ABOUT THE BIG PICTURE, BUT WE CAN JUST LOOK AT THINGS AT HOME.



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1 IN OUR SCHOOL, THERE IS SO MUCH POLLUTION. WE SEE LIKE PLASTIC
2 BOTTLES EVERYWHERE. WE WANT TO BAN THIS. WE EVEN GOT SO
3 SERIOUS THAT WE TALKED TO KASHI FOODS, THE PEOPLE THAT SUPPLY
4 OUR LUNCHES, TO MAKE IT AS ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY AS
5 POSSIBLE. WE HAVE CONTAINERS THAT WE DON'T NEED, AND WE'RE
6 TRYING TO ELIMINATE THAT. BUT AS FOR PLASTIC IN GENERAL, BE
7 HONEST, DO WE REALLY NEED IT? A PLASTIC BAG DOES NOT HOLD AS
8 MUCH AS A CANVAS BAG WOULD OR A REUSABLE BAG WOULD. SO IT'S
9 MORE LIKE ECONOMIC, IT'S MORE LIKE COMMON SENSE. DO THINGS
10 THAT WILL HELP YOU PERSONALLY. IF YOU DON'T CARE ABOUT
11 EVERYONE IN GENERAL, AT LEAST TRY TO BE LIKE SOMEWHAT SELFISH.
12 THINK ABOUT, OKAY, " I CAN GET MORE STUFF WITH A REUSABLE BAG
13 THAN I CAN WITH A LITTLE PLASTIC BAG."

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DID YOU STATE YOUR NAME FIRST?

16

17 **RAQUEL LOSA:** OH, I'M SORRY. I'M RAQUEL LOSA. I'M FROM
18 ENVIRONMENTAL CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NOW IS ANYONE ELSE SPEAKING?

21

22 **RAQUEL LOSA:** YES, I HAVE ONE MORE THING TO SAY. AS WELL THAT
23 RECYCLING TAKES A LOT OF ENERGY AND MONEY. SO WHY WOULD WE
24 RECYCLE IT? WE HAVE SAID FOR MANY YEARS AND THERE'S MANY
25 ORGANIZATIONS WHO HAVE SAID THAT WE SHOULD RECYCLE AND



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1 RECYCLE. BUT, LET'S BE REALISTIC. WHEN HAS IT EVER HAPPENED?
2 THERE IS A LOT IN THE OCEAN, AND MANY ANIMALS ARE DYING. IT
3 COMES BACK TO US BECAUSE WE EAT THAT FISH AND IT'S HURTING US.

4

5 **ELIZABETH LEON:** ALSO THE CANVAS BAGS, THEY DO GET DONATED BY
6 ORGANIZATIONS. SO IT MAKES THE COST LESS ON PEOPLE WHO USE
7 CANVAS BAGS OTHER THAN PLASTIC BAGS. PLASTIC BAGS ARE
8 EVERYWHERE, AND WE WANT OUR PLANET TO BE CLEAN. AND WE DON'T
9 WANT IT TO GET ANY WORSE THAN IT IS NOW. PLASTIC BAGS, JUST
10 LIKE MOST PLASTIC, IS MADE OUT OF OIL. AND WE WANT TO AVOID
11 OIL AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. AND CANVAS BAGS ARE THE ALTERNATIVE.
12 AND PLASTIC BAGS SHOULD BE BANNED.

13

14 **MARIO JUAREZ:** MY NAME IS MARIO JUAREZ AND AS...

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DID YOU SIGN UP? DID YOU PUT A CARD IN?

17

18 **MARIO JUAREZ:** YEAH, I PUT IT. THEY CALLED MY NAME.

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20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOUR NAME IS?

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22 **MARIO JUAREZ:** MARIO JUAREZ.

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24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'M TRYING TO FIND EVERYONE'S CARD.

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1 **MARIO JUAREZ:** LIKE MY FELLOW STUDENT, ELIZABETH LEON, SAID,
2 WE, ON ALTERNATIVE 5, WE WANT 100 PERCENT BAN ON PLASTIC, NOT
3 A 5 PERCENT. BUT IF THE 100 PERCENT BAN DOESN'T HAPPEN, 300
4 MILLION BAGS IS A LOT FOR-- YEAH.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS ANYONE ELSE SPEAKING? ALL RIGHT, THANK
7 YOU VERY MUCH. AND WE'LL NOW GET TO LESLIE TAMMINEN AND-- OH
8 NO, THEY WANT TO COME LAST. AMBER BIANO AND AHUD SELA? AMBER
9 BIANO, AHUD SELA AND STEPHANIE BARGER, WOULD YOU PLEASE COME
10 FORWARD? STATE YOUR NAME, PLEASE.

11

12 **AHUD SELA:** MY NAME IS AHUD SELA. I'M A RABBI HERE IN LOS
13 ANGELES. AND I'M HERE TO TELL YOU THAT I'M IN SUPPORT OF
14 ALTERNATIVE 5 WITHOUT THE AMENDMENT. I'M IN SUPPORT OF THE
15 PLASTIC BAG BAN IN ALTERNATIVE 5 BECAUSE FOR ME THIS IS A
16 MORAL AND RELIGIOUS ISSUE. IF YOU RECALL YOUR BIBLE STUDIES,
17 WHEN GOD PLACED ADAM IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN, HE GAVE HIM A
18 DIRECTION. HE SAID YOU HAVE TO TILL THE LAND AND YOU HAVE TO
19 TEND IT. THE EARTH IS HERE FOR US TO MAKE USE OF IT BUT WE
20 ALSO HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY, WE ALSO HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO
21 PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT, TO PROTECT GOD'S CREATION WHICH IS
22 GIVEN TO US ON LOAN, AND WE ARE STEWARDS OF THE ENVIRONMENT.
23 I'M GOING THE READ TO YOU SOMETHING THAT WAS WRITTEN ABOUT
24 1,200 YEARS AGO WRITTEN BY AN ANONYMOUS RABBI. "WHEN GOD
25 CREATED THE FIRST HUMAN BEINGS, GOD LED THEM AROUND THE GARDEN



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1 OF EDEN AND SAID LOOK AT MY WORKS, SEE HOW BEAUTIFUL THEY ARE,
2 HOW EXCELLENT. FOR YOUR SAKE I CREATED THEM ALL. SEE TO IT
3 THAT YOU DO NOT SPOIL AND DESTROY MY WORLD, FOR IF YOU DO,
4 THERE WILL BE NO ONE ELSE TO REPAIR IT. AND WHAT IS WORSE, YOU
5 WILL BRING DEATH EVEN TO THE RIGHTEOUS PEOPLE IN THE FUTURE."
6 I ENCOURAGE YOU TO VOTE TODAY ON ALTERNATIVE 5 WITHOUT THE
7 AMENDMENT BECAUSE NOW IS THE TIME AND IF NOT NOW, WHEN? THANK
8 YOU VERY MUCH.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. EMILY UTTER, WOULD YOU PLEASE
11 COME FORWARD AND STEPHANIE BARGER? STEPHANIE BARGER? OKAY.
12 AMBER BIANO? AND EMILY UTTER, AND THEN WE'LL CALL KELLY ROSE.
13 STEPHANIE, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

14

15 **STEPHANIE BARGER:** HI, MY NAME IS STEPHANIE BARGER. I AM THE
16 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF EARTH RESOURCE FOUNDATION AND ALSO THE
17 COCHAIR OF THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE PLASTIC PLAGUE, WHICH IS A
18 NATIONAL, EVEN INTERNATIONAL, COALITION OF HEALTH
19 ORGANIZATIONS, ENVIRONMENTAL AND INTERFAITH ORGANIZATIONS.
20 FIRST OF ALL, I DO WANT TO APPLAUD THE STAFF AND THE
21 SUPERVISORS FOR MAKING US A PRIORITY IN SPENDING SO MUCH TIME
22 ON THE EDUCATION AND RESEARCH OF WHY WE NEED TO BAN PLASTIC
23 DISPOSABLE BAGS, IF NOT ALL DISPOSABLE BAGS. THE REASON WE ARE
24 HERE TODAY IS BECAUSE OF OUR ENVIRONMENT. ONE MILLION
25 DIFFERENT TYPES OF MARINE ANIMALS DIE EVERY YEAR BECAUSE OF



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1 PLASTIC STRANGULATION, ENTANGLEMENT AND INGESTION. AND WE MUST
2 KEEP THAT AT THE FOREFRONT, NOT THE CAUSE, NOT WHAT'S
3 CONVENIENT, BUT THIS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT REASON WHY WE'RE
4 HERE. THIS IS ALSO WHY WE NEED TO BE CONCERNED AS A
5 GOVERNMENT, BECAUSE IT'S COSTING US MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO
6 PICK UP ALL THIS PLASTIC TRASH. I WANT TO GIVE AN EXAMPLE.
7 LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR JOHN GARAMENDI, WHEN THE PULL TOPS ON
8 ALUMINUM CANS WAS GOING INTO EFFECT, IT SAID IT WAS GOING TO
9 PUT THE INDUSTRY OUT OF BUSINESS. WITHIN 6 MONTHS THEY CHANGED
10 THE DESIGN OF THE ALUMINUM CAN. WE ARE SMARTER, WE ARE BETTER.
11 WE CAN DO THIS. THE PLASTIC INDUSTRY CAN CHANGE TO REUSABLE
12 BAGS. THEY CAN FLIP IT OVER TO CLOTH ORGANIC BAGS. THIS IS NOT
13 ABOUT PUTTING THEM OUT OF BUSINESS. IT'S ABOUT BEING
14 INNOVATIVE. OTHERWISE WE WOULD STILL BE USING TYPEWRITERS
15 TODAY INSTEAD OF COMPUTERS. WE CAN DO THIS. ALSO, STORES WANT
16 TO DO THIS. IKEA HAS ALREADY LED THE CHARGE IN PROMOTING
17 REUSABLE BAGS AND ESTABLISHING A FEE FOR BAGS. I IMPLORE YOU
18 TO PUT A 100 PERCENT BAN ON PLASTIC BAGS IMMEDIATELY, AND TO
19 GET SOME TYPE OF FUNDING BEHIND IT FOR EDUCATION. A.B.2449
20 ALREADY DOES WHAT YOU ARE DOING HERE TODAY. WE NEED TO GO WAY
21 BEYOND THIS. I THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND ALL THAT YOU ARE
22 DOING. AND REMEMBER THE ENVIRONMENT AND OUR CHILDREN ARE AT
23 STAKE HERE. THANK YOU.

24

25 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. STATE YOUR NAME, PLEASE.



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2 **EMILY UTTER:** HI MY NAME IS EMILY UTTER AND I'M THE ADVOCACY
3 AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS DIRECTOR THE CHICO BAG COMPANY. WE
4 MAKE THESE REUSABLE GROCERY BAGS THAT ARE SO CONVENIENT. YOU
5 CAN ALWAYS HAVE ONE WITH YOU. I SPEAK YOU ALSO AS A FORMER
6 ASSOCIATE AT THE SAN FRANCISCO DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT.
7 I WAS ONE OF THE LEAD STAFF THAT LED SAN FRANCISCO'S EFFORTS
8 TO IMPLEMENT A 17-CENT FEE, WHICH AS YOU KNOW, THEN TURNED
9 INTO THE PLASTIC BAG REDUCTION ORDINANCE THAT JUST PASSED AND
10 WAS IMPLEMENTED ON NOVEMBER 20TH. I ALSO WORKED AT THE OCEAN
11 CONSERVANCY, SO I ALSO UNDERSTAND THIS ISSUE NOT ONLY FROM A
12 WASTE PERSPECTIVE, BUT FROM A MARINE PERSPECTIVE. AND AS WE'VE
13 HEARD, PLASTIC BAGS POSE A HUGE ENVIRONMENTAL THREAT TO OUR
14 MARINE ENVIRONMENT, 100,000 MARINE DEATHS PER YEAR DUE TO
15 PLASTIC BAGS. AS YOU KNOW, THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS POSED BY
16 DISPOSABLE BAGS ARE MANY. IN THE UNITED STATES EACH YEAR, 30
17 BILLION PLASTIC AND 10 BILLION PAPER BAGS ARE GIVEN OUT. YET
18 ONLY 5 PERCENT OF PAPER BAGS AND LESS THAN 1 PERCENT OF
19 PLASTIC BAGS ARE RECYCLED ANNUALLY. SO YOU'LL HEAR THE
20 INDUSTRY TODAY TALKING ABOUT RECYCLING AND VOLUNTARY PROGRAMS.
21 BUT WE KNOW THAT THESE PROGRAMS DON'T WORK. WE NEED ONLY TO
22 LOOK AT SAN FRANCISCO TO SEE THAT THIS IS TRUE. SUPERMARKETS
23 WERE UNABLE TO MEET A MODEST REDUCTION GOAL, WHICH IN TURN LED
24 TO THE RECENT BAN ON PLASTIC BAGS. WHAT WE REALLY NEED IS
25 BEHAVIOR CHANGE. IF YOU LOOK AT IRELAND, WITHIN ONE MONTH OF



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1 THEIR 15-CENT BAG FEE BEING IMPLEMENTED, OVER 95 PERCENT OF
2 PEOPLE WERE BRINGING THEIR OWN BAGS TO THE GROCERY STORE. SO
3 WE REALLY SHOULD BE TALKING ABOUT BANNING BAGS HERE INSTEAD OF
4 CREATING A POLICY THAT WE KNOW IS GOING TO FAIL, THAT IS ONLY
5 GOING TO LEAD TO A BAN IN THE FUTURE. WHY WAIT? DOES THE
6 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES WANT TO BE A LEADER AND FOLLOW FOLKS
7 LIKE SAN FRANCISCO, PARIS, CHINA AND OTHERS WHO ARE LOOKING AT
8 THIS ISSUE? OR DO YOU WANT TO BE ONE OF THE VERY LAST TO
9 ACTUALLY TAKE A STAND ON THIS VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE. AND I HOPE
10 THAT INSTEAD YOU WILL CHOOSE TO BAN THE BAGS COMPLETELY. THANK
11 YOU.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WOULD ART YOON PLEASE COME FORWARD. PLEASE
14 STATE YOUR NAME.

15

16 **KELLY ROSE:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS KELLY ROSE. I'M THE
17 PROGRAMS DIRECTOR FOR A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION CALLED THE
18 FRIENDS OF--

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND JIM LAMM ALSO, PLEASE COME FORWARD.

21

22 **KELLY ROSE:** THE FRIENDS OF BALLONA WETLANDS HAVE BEEN AROUND
23 FOR 40 YEARS WORKING TO PROTECT, RESTORE AND TO EDUCATE THE
24 GREATER L.A. COMMUNITY ABOUT THE LAST COASTAL WETLANDS IN LOS
25 ANGELES. WE ALSO RUN A POLLUTION PREVENTION PROGRAM IN



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1 PARTNERSHIP WITH L.M.U. AND THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
2 ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS TO OUTREACH TO BUSINESSES WITHIN THE
3 BALLONA CREEK WATERSHED. WE ARE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE ISSUE
4 OF PLASTICS IN OUR WATERSHED AND IN THE OCEAN. WE DIRECTLY GET
5 TO SEE THIS IMPACT OFTEN, SINCE WE'RE LOCATED RIGHT ALONGSIDE
6 OF BALLONA CREEK. AND IT IS UGLY. WE DEFINITELY SUPPORT THE
7 BAN ON PLASTIC BAGS, WITHOUT ANY AMENDMENTS WHICH LESSEN THE
8 IMPACT. IT REALLY IS GREAT, I DO AGREE WITH WHAT WAS JUST SAID
9 ABOUT LOS ANGELES BEING AN EXAMPLE AND TAKING THIS OPPORTUNITY
10 TO REALLY BE AN OUTSTANDING EXAMPLE AND SHOW SOME UPSTANDING
11 COLORS. SO I THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. I SUPPORT ALTERNATIVE 5
12 WITHOUT THE AMENDMENTS.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MICHELLE YAHN AND DAVE WEESHOFF
15 PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

16

17 **ART YOON:** MY NAME'S ART YOON, I'M FROM THE CITY OF HERMOSA
18 BEACH, AND I'M HERE IN SUPPORT OF ALTERNATIVE 5. I'M PROBABLY
19 THE WORST SURFER IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THE LAST TIME I
20 ENTERED A SURFING CONTEST WAS FIVE YEARS AGO AND I CAME IN
21 15TH OUT OF 15. SO I'M ASKING YOU TO SUPPORT ALTERNATIVE 5
22 BECAUSE I NEED EVERY EDGE I CAN GET. BUT MOST OF MY POINTS
23 HAVE ALREADY BEEN MADE, BUT I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT I'M NOT IN
24 SUPPORT OF ANY AMENDMENTS THAT WOULD LOWER OR REDUCE THE
25 TARGETS. I'D HAVE TO SAY THAT I'M A BIG, BIG FAN OF SUPERVISOR



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1 DON KNABE. HE DOES A GREAT JOB REPRESENTING MY DISTRICT. HE
2 WALKS ON WATER TO ME. I WANTED TO BE FIGURATIVE, NOT LITERAL.

3

4 **JIM LAMM:** SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS JIM LAMM. I'M PRESIDENT OF A
5 CULVER CITY-BASED NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION CALLED BALLONA CREEK
6 RENAISSANCE, WHICH IS FOCUSED ON CLEANING, GREENING AND
7 TEACHING BALLONA CREEK AND WATERSHED. I REALLY THANK YOU FOR
8 ALL THAT YOU HAVE DONE OVER THE YEARS IN IMPROVING THE
9 WATERSHED AND ITS ENVIRONMENT. I'VE BEEN VERY PLEASED TO
10 PARTNER WITH YOU, IN FACT, ON CO-LEADING THE BALLONA CREEK
11 WATERSHED TASKFORCE AND ITS RESULTANT BALLONA CREEK WATERSHED
12 MANAGEMENT PLAN. AND IN BEGINNING TOGETHER DO SOME REALLY
13 SPECIAL THINGS ALONG THE CREEK IN TERMS OF PLANTING NATIVE
14 PLANTS, STARTING WITH A BALLONA CREEK EARTH DAY THAT
15 SUPERVISOR BURKE, YOU AND I HAD THE PLEASURE OF CO-HOSTING IN
16 2003 WITH MIDDLE SCHOOL KIDS PLANTING NATIVE PLANTS ALONG
17 BALLONA CREEK. LIKE OUR BALLONA CREEK RENAISSANCE NAME,
18 RENAISSANCE REALLY MEANS NEW BEGINNINGS. THAT WAS A NEW
19 BEGINNING. THE WATERSHED TASKFORCE WAS A NEW BEGINNING. THE
20 WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN WAS A NEW BEGINNING THAT WE SHARED.
21 THE DAY WITHOUT A BAG, ANOTHER NEW BEGINNING THAT WE SHARED.
22 NOW LET'S REALLY TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS MOMENT BEFORE US TO
23 HAVE ANOTHER SPECIAL NEW BEGINNING. OUR ORGANIZATION WAS
24 REALLY PREPARED TO SUPPORT ALTERNATIVE 5 WITH THE
25 RECOMMENDATIONS BY YOU, SUPERVISOR BURKE AND YAROSLAVSKY, WITH



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1 THE TARGETS FOR 35 PERCENT AND 70 PERCENT. I WOULD NOT WANT TO
2 SEE ANY REDUCTION IN THAT. AND I REALLY WOULD LIKE TO SEE US
3 MOVE AS QUICKLY AS WE CAN AS THE STUDENTS FROM THE
4 ENVIRONMENTAL CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL HAVE SO ELOQUENTLY TALKED
5 ABOUT, TOWARDS THE BAN. WE REALLY DO NEED TO BEGIN TO RID
6 OURSELVES OF PLASTIC AND WHAT IT DOES TO OUR ENVIRONMENT. YOUR
7 ORIGINAL ALTERNATIVE B PROPOSED BY STAFF WOULD BE A STEP IN
8 THAT DIRECTION. LET'S KEEP MAKING THOSE STEPS CLOSER TOGETHER
9 AND MORE AGGRESSIVE TOWARDS REALLY CLEANING AND GREENING OUR
10 WATERSHED. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY. MARK GOLD, WOULD YOU PLEASE COME
13 FORWARD? PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

14

15 **MICHELLE YAHN:** HI, MY NAME IS MICHELLE YAHN, I'M WITH THE
16 SILVER LAKE GREEN COMMITTEE. I DON'T KNOW IF ANY OF YOU SAW
17 THIS FILM, THE 11TH HOUR, BUT I THINK WE'RE AT 11:45. I THINK
18 IT'S WONDERFUL THAT THE CITY HAS A ZERO WASTE PLAN. I'VE BEEN
19 GOING TO THOSE MEETINGS. I THINK THAT WE NEED TO BAN PLASTIC
20 BAGS LIKE CHINA AND SAN FRANCISCO. I THINK WE CAN DO IT. AND
21 THE WOMAN THAT SPOKE ABOUT THE OTHER COMMUNITIES BESIDES THE
22 TRADER JOE CROWD, THERE IS A P.L.A., IT LOOKS LIKE A PLASTIC.
23 IT'S A BIOPLASTIC. SO FOR YOUR WATER BOTTLES, YOUR PLASTIC
24 BAGS, YOUR PLASTIC FORKS, THE CITY NEEDS TO CHANGE THAT, AS
25 WELL. WE CAN ELIMINATE OUR WASTE. AND IT'S REALLY EXCITING TO



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1 HEAR THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES TALKING ABOUT THAT. AND THEN I
2 COME IN THIS ROOM TODAY, IN THIS DEBATE, AND A PLASTIC BAG IS
3 ONE PIECE OF THIS BIG PICTURE OF TRASH THAT WE'RE LOOKING AT.
4 SO PLEASE CONSIDER BANNING THE PLASTIC BAGS. WE CAN FIND OTHER
5 WAYS TO GRAB OUR GROCERIES AND OTHER STUFF. THANK YOU VERY
6 MUCH.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, NOAH BLEICH, WOULD YOU PLEASE
9 COME FORWARD? PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

10

11 **DAVID WEESHOFF:** YES. I'M DAVID WEESHOFF. I'M A LONG TERM
12 RESIDENT, 30 YEAR RESIDENT, OF UNINCORPORATED LOS ANGELES
13 COUNTY, THAT IS THE BEAUTIFUL LA CRESCENTA. THANK YOU,
14 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP IN OUR REGION. AND
15 I'D LIKE TO SPEAK BRIEFLY TO TWO TOPICS THAT I FREQUENTLY
16 SHARE IN MY ROLE AS A MEMBER OF THE SPEAKER'S BUREAU WITH HEAL
17 THE BAY, BUT ALSO IN MY ROLE AS A MEMBER OF THE SAN FERNANDO
18 AUDUBON SOCIETY AS WELL AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
19 OF THE INTERNATIONAL BIRD RESCUE RESEARCH CENTER. THE TWO
20 POINTS I WOULD MAKE IS ONE, ESPECIALLY TO THE CHILDREN, I'LL
21 SUGGEST. PLASTIC IS FOREVER. IT'S THREE VERY KEY WORDS. AND IF
22 WE CANNOT ENTIRELY REDUCE OUR REUSE-- THE PLASTIC IN OUR
23 WORLD, WE MUST REDUCE IT DRAMATICALLY. BECAUSE IT WILL BE
24 AROUND FOREVER. YOU CAN'T DESTROY IT. NOTHING DIGESTS IT,
25 NOTHING EATS IT. SO WE CANNOT USE SHORT-TERM OR MINIMAL



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1 APPROACHES TO REDUCING A PLASTIC ENVIRONMENT. WE MUST BE
2 AGGRESSIVE. WE REALLY MUST ESTABLISH SOME LEADERSHIP. AND I
3 THINK SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, CERTAINLY THE COUNTY OF LOS
4 ANGELES, IS IN A POSITION TO DEMONSTRATE SOME EXCITING
5 LEADERSHIP IN THIS ROLE. THE SECOND POINT I WOULD LIKE TO DO
6 IS JUST FOCUS IN FOR A MOMENT ON THE EFFECT ON WILDLIFE OF
7 PLASTIC IN THE ENVIRONMENT AND PLASTIC BAGS. AND WE TALK A LOT
8 ABOUT THE HUGE VOLUMES OR NUMBERS OF MARINE MAMMALS AND BIRDS,
9 ET CETERA, THAT ARE AFFECTED BY PLASTIC AND PLASTIC BAGS IN
10 THE ENVIRONMENT. I WANT YOU JUST FOR A MINUTE IMAGINE A
11 MAGNIFICENT SOARING CALIFORNIA BROWN PELICAN WITH 8-FOOT LONG
12 WING SPAN. BEAUTIFUL BIRD, WE'VE ALL SEEN THEM, WE ALL LOVE
13 THEM. BUT NOW IMAGINE THAT BIRD ENTANGLED IN A PLASTIC BAG,
14 TRAILING IT BEHIND HIM, MAYBE FLOATING IN THE WATER, TRYING TO
15 EXTRACT HIMSELF FROM THAT ENSNAREMENT AND KNOW THAT MAYBE,
16 GEE, IF WE HAD JUST REDUCED BY ONE THE NUMBER OF PLASTIC BAGS
17 IN OUR ENVIRONMENT, WE MIGHT HAVE SAVED THE LIFE OF THAT
18 MAGNIFICENT CREATURE. SO PUT A FACE, IF YOU WILL, A BEAK, ON
19 THAT ISSUE. THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DAVID MURPHY, WOULD YOU PLEASE COME
22 FORWARD? STATE YOUR NAME, PLEASE.

23

24 **MARK GOLD:** MY NAME IS MARK GOLD AND I'M THE PRESIDENT OF THE
25 ENVIRONMENT GROUP, HEAL THE BAY. YOU'VE ALL HEARD THE NUMBERS



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1 6 BILLION BAGS, WHICH IS A MILLION BAGS A MINUTE WORLDWIDE ARE
2 USED THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. WE HAVE A GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL
3 CRISIS. YOU'VE HEARD THE NUMBERS ON A MILLION SEA BIRDS,
4 100,000 MARINE MAMMALS ANNUALLY. UNLIKE WHAT YOU HEARD FROM
5 THE PLASTIC MANUFACTURERS EARLIER, MARINE LIFE DOES NOT GET TO
6 MAKE A BAD CHOICE. AND SO THAT'S THE CONSEQUENCE. YOU IN THE
7 COUNTY HAVE A TRASH TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD REQUIREMENT, 40
8 PERCENT REDUCTION WITHIN THE L.A. RIVER AND BALLONA CREEK BY
9 THIS YEAR, 100 PERCENT BY THE YEAR 2014. AND SO THAT'S A
10 REQUIREMENT YOU HAD. IT COSTS 17 CENTS A BAG TO DISPOSE OF
11 BAGS AND IT WREAKS HAVOC WITH YOUR CATCH BASIN SCREENS, WHICH
12 IS THE SOLUTION YOU'RE USING TO MEET THESE TRASH T.M.D.L.S. WE
13 COMMEND THE LEADERSHIP WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ON A DAY
14 WITHOUT A BAG. THAT WAS THE GREAT PARTNERSHIP ON DECEMBER
15 20TH. BUT VOLUNTARY HAS NOT WORKED. WE HAVE A 5 PERCENT
16 RECYCLING RATE TO DATE. THAT'S CLEARLY NOT DOING THE JOB. WHAT
17 HAS WORKED? BAG BANS AND FEES. YOU CANNOT RECYCLE YOUR WAY
18 INTO CLEANING UP OUR RIVERS, BEACHES AND BAYS. WE HAVE BANS IN
19 KENYA, SOUTH AFRICA, UGANDA, CHINA AND SOON TO BE IN
20 AUSTRALIA, SAN FRANCISCO, OAKLAND, PARIS, 30 TOWNS IN ALASKA.
21 AND FEES IN GERMANY AND IRELAND HAVE BEEN VERY, VERY
22 SUCCESSFUL. NO ONE HAS SUCCESSFULLY USED RECYCLING TO SOLVE
23 THIS PROBLEM. THE MOST SUCCESSFUL RECYCLING PROGRAM WOULD
24 STILL LEAVE 2 BILLION BAGS IN OUR LANDFILLS IN THE
25 ENVIRONMENT. THIS IS COMPLETELY UNACCEPTABLE. AFTER NINE



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1 MONTHS OF NEGOTIATION WITH PUBLIC WORKS STAFF, THE C.E.O.'S
2 OFFICE AND THE SUPERVISOR OFFICES, WE REACHED AN AGREEMENT ON
3 MONDAY THE 14TH. THE ADDITION OF CONVENIENCE STORES AND
4 APPROVED ACCOUNTABILITY WAS ENOUGH TO GET OUR SUPPORT. BUT WE
5 STRONGLY OPPOSE SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S AMENDMENT ON THE
6 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. WE PREFER A BAN AND/OR A FEE, BUT WE ARE
7 WILLING TO SUPPORT ALTERNATIVE 5 WITH SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY
8 AND BURKE'S AMENDMENT AND WITHOUT SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S
9 AMENDMENT TO WEAKEN THE PROPOSAL. THREE HUNDRED MILLION MORE
10 BAGS IN LANDFILLS IN THE ENVIRONMENT--

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME HAS ELAPSED.

13

14 **MARK GOLD:** COULD I JUST FINISH, PLEASE? THERE'S 300 MILLION
15 BAGS TOO MANY.. SO WE MUST STOP THIS 30-YEAR ADDICTION TO
16 SINGLE-USE PLASTIC BAGS, 15 MINUTES OF CONVENIENCE AND
17 HUNDREDS OF YEARS-- IS NOT WORTH HUNDREDS OF YEARS OF
18 ENVIRONMENTAL DEVASTATION. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DID I CALL CARLOS CARREON, PLEASE COME
21 FORWARD, TOO. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

22

23 **NOAH BLEICH:** MY NAME IS NOAH BLEICH. HOPEFULLY YOU CALLED
24 THAT.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND ALSO LEE WALLACH.

2

3 **NOAH BLEICH:** I'M HERE ON MY OWN BEHALF AS A PERSON WHO CARES.

4 I WORK FOR THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. AND I DO A PROGRAM IN THE

5 ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WHERE I TEACH KIDS ABOUT THE FIVE R'S,

6 ABOUT NUTRITION AND ABOUT GARDENING. AND ONE OF THE THINGS

7 THAT I ASK THEM IN THIS IS, FIRST OF ALL WHAT THE FIVE R'S IS.

8 THE FIRST ONE IS NOT RECYCLING. WE ALL TAUGHT IT. IT'S REDUCE.

9 THE SECOND ONE IS REUSE. AND THE LAST ALTERNATIVE IS RECYCLE.

10 THE OTHER TWO ARE ROT, WHICH IS COMPOST. AND THE LAST ONE,

11 WHICH IS RETHINK, WHICH IS WHAT WE HAVE TO DO IF WE'RE GOING

12 TO FIX THE PROBLEM, WHICH IS WHAT RETHINK IS. AND THIS IS WHAT

13 I TEACH THE ELEMENTARY KIDS. I THEN GO ON TO A SECOND

14 COMPONENT. HOW MANY OF YOU GO OUT TO EAT? WE COULD ALL DO THIS

15 AND THINK ABOUT IT RIGHT NOW. YOU GET A DRINK AND A STRAW. I

16 SAY, "DO YOU NEED A STRAW TO DRINK?" MOST OF THE KIDS SAY,

17 "NO, WE DON'T NEED A STRAW TO DRINK." AND I SAY, "WELL YOU CAN

18 GET RID OF IT BY NOT USING IT, BECAUSE YOU DON'T NEED IT." I

19 ASKED THEM, "WHAT DID THEY DO 70 YEARS AGO? WHAT DID YOUR

20 PARENTS AND YOUR GRANDPARENTS AND OUR GRANDPARENTS DO BEFORE

21 THEY HAD PLASTIC? DID THEY NOT DRINK?" AND THE KIDS SAY "NO,

22 OF COURSE THEY DRANK, YOU DIE IF YOU DON'T DRINK." SO THE SAME

23 LOGIC APPLIES TO THESE BAGS. WHAT DID THEY DO BEFORE THEY HAD

24 PLASTIC BAGS? DID OUR PARENTS NOT SHOP? DID WE NOT EAT? THE

25 ANSWER IS WE DID. THE ALTERNATIVES HAVE BEEN AROUND SINCE THEY



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1 STARTED USING ANIMAL SKIN BAGS TO CARRY STUFF. SO TO SAY THERE
2 ARE NO ALTERNATIVES IS A MISTAKE. THE FACT IS, PEOPLE WILL
3 CHANGE IF YOU SAY TO THEM "WE NEED TO CHANGE." AND IF
4 ELEMENTARY KIDS CAN UNDERSTAND THIS AND GRASP THIS CONCEPT AND
5 PROMISE NOT TO TAKE A STRAW OR AN EXTRA NAPKIN OR PLASTIC
6 BAGS, I THINK WE ALL CAN DO THE SAME THING. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME. AND LEE
9 WALLACH'S GOING TO COME UP TO TAKE YOUR SEAT.

10

11 **DAVID MURPHY:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS DAVID MURPHY. I'M
12 WITH THE VALLEY INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE ASSOCIATION. WE
13 REPRESENT BUSINESSES IN THE GREATER SAN FERNANDO VALLEY
14 REGION. I APPRECIATE THE CHANCE TO TALK TO YOU TODAY. I THINK
15 IT'S BEEN WONDERFUL TO SEE THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY SO UNITED. I
16 DO AGREE WITH WHAT MY COLLEAGUES AND FRIENDS FROM C.C.A. AND
17 L.A. CHAMBER HAVE ALREADY SAID, BUT I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU
18 FOR THE MANY MONTHS OBVIOUSLY OF THOUGHT AND ANALYSIS THAT
19 HAVE GONE INTO THIS. WE AT V.I.C.A. DO BELIEVE THAT A
20 PARTNERSHIP IS POSSIBLE WITH GOVERNMENT, INDUSTRY AND
21 CUSTOMERS TO REDUCE AND PROMOTE RECYCLING OF PLASTIC BAGS AND
22 THE USE OF REUSABLE BAGS. AND WE DO INDEED SUPPORT, AS YOU'VE
23 HEARD MY COLLEAGUES SAY, ALTERNATIVE 5 IF AND ONLY IF, THOUGH,
24 WE HAVE THE AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY SUPERVISORS ANTONOVICH AND
25 KNABE. SO WITHOUT THIS AMENDMENT, WE CANNOT SUPPORT IT. I DO



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1 BELIEVE THAT IT DOES SOME VERY CHALLENGING GOALS FOR INDUSTRY
2 TO MEET. AND WE REALLY DO APPRECIATE ALL OF YOUR HELP OVER
3 THESE MANY MONTHS IN WORKING WITH EVERYONE, ALL OF THE
4 STAKEHOLDERS. AND WE BELIEVE THIS IS A FAIR COMPROMISE THAT
5 WE'RE PRESENTED HERE WITH TODAY. SO IN THE SPIRIT OF
6 COOPERATION, I WILL YIELD BACK THE REMAINDER OF MY TIME. BUT
7 PLEASE UNDERSTAND THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE TO V.I.C.A.
8 AND WE APPRECIATE A CHANCE TO TESTIFY TODAY. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. STEPHANIE TAYLOR, WOULD YOU
11 PLEASE COME FORWARD? YES. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

12

13 **CARLOS CARREON:** MY NAME IS CARLOS CARREON, STAFF MEMBER FROM
14 SANTA MONICA BAYKEEPER, A LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP. A LOT OF
15 GOOD POINTS HAVE BEEN RAISED TODAY. I DON'T WANT TO WASTE TOO
16 MUCH TIME. I CAN ONLY SPEAK TO THE DEVASTATION THAT PLASTICS
17 PRESENT TO OUR LOCAL ENVIRONMENT. RECYCLING DOESN'T WORK. ONLY
18 AN AGGRESSIVE STANCE TOWARD THE USE OF PLASTIC BAGS AND THEIR
19 PRESENCE TO THE ENVIRONMENT IS WHAT'S GOING TO WORK. AND WE'D
20 LIKE TO DO THAT IN THE MOST AGGRESSIVE WAY POSSIBLE. THANK YOU
21 FOR YOUR TIME.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUZANNE BIEGEL ALSO PLEASE COME
24 FORWARD.

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1 **SPEAKER:** HI, LEE WALLACH WITH THE COALITION ON THE ENVIRONMENT
2 AND JEWISH LIFE, THE INTERFAITH ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL, GREEN
3 L.A. AND MANY OTHER GROUPS WHO HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THIS ISSUE
4 ALONG WITH OUR PARTNERS, HEAL THE BAY. WE HAVE TENS OF
5 THOUSANDS OF MEMBERS JUST HERE THROUGH C.O.G.I.L. AND SOME OF
6 THE FAITH COMMUNITIES. YOU'VE HEARD FROM SOME OF THEM TODAY.
7 OUR FOCUS IS ON THE MORAL ISSUE IN FRONT OF US. THIS IS
8 CRITICAL. WE LOOK TO THIS BODY TO PROTECT US. WE LOOK TO THIS
9 BODY TO PROTECT THE ANIMALS THAT ARE DYING OUT THERE BY THE
10 MILLIONS. THEY ARE PARTIALLY YOUR CONSTITUENTS. MAYBE WE
11 SHOULD JUST BRING SOME BABY SEALS OUT AND START CLUBBING THEM
12 AGAIN. THIS IS REAL. THIS IS NOT JUST PRETEND. WE ASK THAT YOU
13 SHOULD MAYBE THINK ABOUT THE DOLLARS THAT ARE BEING SPENT,
14 WHICH MIGHT NOT BE AVAILABLE TO THEN GO TOWARDS MAYBE M.L.K.
15 HOSPITAL OR SOME OTHER VERY NEEDED SERVICES. BUT WE USE THOSE
16 DOLLARS TO THEN TRY AND GET RID OF THIS WASTE. THERE'S OIL.
17 THERE'S PEOPLE DYING. I WOULD DIFFER ON HOW MANY COMPANIES USE
18 OIL. I AM YOUR CONSTITUENT. I WOULD LIKE YOU TO BE THERE FOR
19 ME, NOT NECESSARILY SOME OF THE CORPORATIONS THAT YOU'VE HEARD
20 FROM TODAY. THE CAR COMPANIES USED TO SAY THAT SEAT BELTS
21 WOULD PUT THEM UNDER. WE DIDN'T BUY THAT. WE SHOULDN'T BUY IT
22 TODAY. IT'S ABOUT MY CHILDREN AND OUR GRANDCHILDREN. WE NEED
23 BOLD ACTION. STORES HAVE ALREADY DONE THIS. IT CAN HAPPEN. WE
24 CAN DO THAT TODAY. SO WE'RE ASKING YOU TO DO THE RIGHT THING
25 TODAY. AND IF NOT, ALL BETS ARE OFF. WE WANT A COMPLETE BAN BY



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1 2010 AND A 10-CENT FEE. THAT'S WHAT WE SHOULD BE MOVING
2 TOWARD. THIS IS TIME FOR BOLD ACTION. AND I KNOW SOME OF THE
3 MEMBERS HERE. AND I KNOW THEY'RE CAPABLE OF THIS. THANK YOU
4 VERY MUCH.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ARNOLD SACHS, WOULD YOU PLEASE START COMING
7 DOWN? PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

8

9 **STEPHANIE TAYLOR:** GOOD MORNING-- GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS
10 STEPHANIE TAYLOR AND I REPRESENT GREEN L.A. GREEN L.A. IS AN
11 ENVIRONMENTAL COALITION OF OVER 60 ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE
12 ORGANIZATIONS. WE SUPPORT ALTERNATIVE 5, BUT WE OPPOSE THE
13 LAST MINUTE AMENDMENT TO REDUCE THE BENCHMARK BY 5 PERCENT.
14 THE REASON WE OPPOSE THIS IS BECAUSE IT'S SETS A BAD PRECEDENT
15 THAT SETS THE BENCHMARKS WAY TOO LOW. AND MOSTLY ADDITIONALLY
16 WE OPPOSE THE LAST MINUTE AMENDMENT TO REDUCE THE BENCHMARK BY
17 5 PERCENT BECAUSE IT MEANS 300 MILLION MORE BAGS IN THE
18 ENVIRONMENT. LASTLY, I WANT TO SAY THAT WE DO THANK YOU, THANK
19 THE STAFF FOR ALL THE HARD WORK, AND WE THANK YOU FOR
20 CONSIDERING THIS VERY IMPORTANT MOTION.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. LEE WALLACH, ARE YOU COMING
23 FORWARD? LEE WALLACH?

24

25 **SUZANNE BIEGEL:** HE SPOKE ALREADY.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OH, HE SPOKE. TIM SHESTEK

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4 **SUZANNE BIEGEL:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS SUZANNE BIEGEL. I'M
5 HERE AS A BUSINESS PERSON. I'M ON THE PUBLISHING TEAM FOR A
6 GROUP CALLED GREENOPIA, THE URBAN DWELLER'S GUIDE TO GREEN
7 LIVING. I CONSULT AND INVEST WITH BUSINESSES ALL OVER L.A. AND
8 NATIONALLY. I'M ON THE BOARD OF THE SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS
9 COUNCIL OF L.A., THE CULVER CITY GREEN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION,
10 AND E2, ENVIRONMENTAL ENTREPRENEURS AS WELL AS THE NEW VOICE
11 OF BUSINESS. I'M HERE TO SAY THAT THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY IS
12 NOT UNIFIED ON THIS ISSUE. ALL OF THE BUSINESSES I'M INVOLVED
13 WITH ARE FOCUSED ON A TRIPLE BOTTOM LINE. FINANCIAL SUCCESS,
14 AS WELL AS AN ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY. IT'S
15 ABOUT BEING A GOOD COMMUNITY CITIZEN AS WELL AS A BUSINESS
16 PERSON. THOUSANDS OF BUSINESSES IN THE L.A. AREA ARE
17 SUCCESSFULLY EITHER SELLING REUSABLE BAGS AS EVIDENCED BY THIS
18 PILE IN FRONT OF ME, AND/OR ARE USING BAGS MADE BY POST
19 CONSUMER RECYCLED PAPER. PLASTIC BAGS ARE A BLIGHT ON THE
20 ENVIRONMENT AND WE DON'T NEED THEM. WE DON'T NEED TO SUPPORT
21 THIS IN THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY. THIS IS NOT AN ECONOMIC
22 HARDSHIP FOR BUSINESS. WE AS THE BUSINESS COMMUNITIES
23 ENTHUSIASTICALLY SUPPORT YOUR MOVING AS QUICKLY AND AS
24 AGGRESSIVELY AS YOU CAN TO PUT A STRONG TAKE BACK PROGRAM AND
25 ULTIMATELY, AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, A BAN INTO EFFECT. THE



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1 TIME WITH 6 BILLION PLASTIC BAGS A YEAR IN L.A. COUNTY IS NOW.
2 IT'S NOT LATER. WE DON'T NEED MORE TIME. ONE OF THE MEMBERS OF
3 OUR COMMUNITY YOU HEARD ABOUT, WHOLE FOODS, THIS MORNING
4 ANNOUNCED TODAY A TOTAL BAN ON PLASTIC BAGS NO LATER THAN
5 APRIL 22ND OF THIS YEAR. MAKE IT STRONG. DON'T WEAKEN YOUR
6 RESOLVE. WE DIDN'T KNOW FOR A LONG TIME HOW BAD THIS WAS FOR
7 US AS BUSINESSES AND AS A COMMUNITY, AND WE'VE LEARNED. AND WE
8 HOPE THAT AS A COMMUNITY, WE CAN LEARN. KEEP ALTERNATIVE 5
9 WITH SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY AND BURKE'S AMENDMENTS BUT I
10 OPPOSE STRONGLY THE SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT PRESENTED TODAY.
11 KEEP IN MIND IT'S GOING TO TAKE A COMBINATION OF BUSINESS,
12 PUBLIC SECTOR, SCHOOLS AND NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS TO
13 EDUCATE THE PUBLIC TO SEE THIS BEHAVIORAL CHANGE, BUT WE ARE
14 WELL POSITIONED TO DO SO AS THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY. I THANK
15 YOU AS A RESIDENT OF L.A. COUNTY AND AS A BUSINESS OWNER IN
16 CULVER CITY AND MARINA DEL REY FOR YOUR CONSIDERED VOTES.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS TIM SHESTEK COMING FORWARD? AND JENNIFER
19 FORKISH? STATE YOUR NAME, PLEASE.

20

21 **ARNOLD SACHS:** GOOD AFTERNOON, COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
22 THANK YOU. DID YOU REALLY THINK I WAS GOING TO HOLD YOU UP?

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NO, BECAUSE. I WAS GOING TO CALL YOU EARLY.

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1 **ARNOLD SACHS:** JUST A FEW THINGS. BACK IN THE EARLY '70S WHEN
2 EARTH DAY FIRST STARTED, PLASTICS BECAME THE SOLUTION TO THE
3 ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS CAUSED BY DEFORESTATION BECAUSE OF SO
4 MANY PRODUCTS BEING USED, PAPER BAGS AND PAPER, AND PLASTIC
5 WAS A SOLUTION. NOW WE HAVE A SOLUTION FOR BIODEGRADABLE AND
6 EARTH-FRIENDLY SUBJECTS. IT'S A MATTER OF EDUCATION. WE NEED
7 SOME FUNDING FOR EDUCATION. AND I'M REALLY CONCERNED WHERE THE
8 MONEY WOULD COME FROM. BUT FOR YOU, THE COUNTY BOARD OF
9 SUPERVISORS TO SET BENCHMARKS, WHEN IT COMES TO ANYTHING TO
10 DEAL WITH RECYCLING, IS REALLY A JOKE. GO BACK TO THE SUNSHINE
11 COUNTY LANDFILL. I WON'T GET INTO THE DETAILS. YOU KNOW THEM
12 ALREADY. BUT IF YOU'RE GOING TO SET BENCHMARKS, YOU NEED TO
13 CHECK YOUR MATH. THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MARIO JUAREZ, WOULD YOU PLEASE START COMING
16 FORWARD? AND ALSO GABRIELLE WEEKS.

17

18 **TIM SHESTEK:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF
19 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS TIM SHESTEK, REPRESENTING THE
20 PROGRESSIVE BAG AFFILIATES OF THE AMERICAN CHEMISTRY COUNCIL.
21 I WANT TO MAKE JUST A COUPLE OF COMMENTS, AND THEN A
22 CLARIFYING STATEMENT ABOUT SOME OF THE TESTIMONY THAT WAS
23 PROVIDED EARLIER TODAY. THE INDUSTRY, BAG MANUFACTURING
24 INDUSTRY, JUST WANTS TO THANK COUNTY STAFF, MR. ALBA IN
25 PARTICULAR, FOR HIS EFFORTS TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP OF



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1 STAKEHOLDERS. WE WERE A PARTICIPANT IN THAT PROCESS. AND AS
2 THE COUNTY MOVES FORWARD IN IMPLEMENTING A BAG REDUCTION AND
3 RECYCLING POLICY, THE PLASTIC BAG MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY WILL
4 PLAY, AND CONTINUE TO PLAY A ROLE IN SUPPORTING BAG RECYCLING,
5 THE USE OF REUSABLE BAGS AND THROUGH BAGGER TRAINING EFFORTS
6 WITH OUR PARTNERS OF THE GROCERS' INDUSTRY, TO ACHIEVE SOME OF
7 THE GOALS THAT HAD BEEN SET FORTH TODAY. I JUST WANT TO MAKE
8 ONE PARTICULAR COMMENT ABOUT THE ENFORCEMENT SECTION IN
9 ALTERNATIVE 5. WE BELIEVE IT'S PREMATURE AT THIS POINT AND
10 COUNTERPRODUCTIVE FOR THE BOARD TO BE DIRECTING COUNTY COUNSEL
11 TO DRAFT A BAN ORDINANCE. WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT YOU CONSIDER
12 LOOKING AT THE LANGUAGE THAT WAS CONTAINED IN ALTERNATIVE 4,
13 STATING THAT IF THE GOALS ARE NOT MET, THE BOARD WILL RE-
14 EVALUATE THE ISSUE AND THE NEED FOR STRONGER MEASURES UP TO
15 AND INCLUDING A BAN IF THAT IS WARRANTED. I WANT TO MAKE ONE
16 OTHER COMMENT ABOUT TESTIMONY THAT WAS PROVIDED EARLIER
17 RELATIVE TO THE BAN IN CHINA. THE BAN IN CHINA IS NOT A BAN ON
18 ALL PLASTIC BAGS. THAT BAN IS BASED ON THE BAG'S THICKNESS. SO
19 TO SUGGEST THAT THE COUNTRY OF CHINA HAS BANNED BAGS OUTRIGHT
20 IS NOT ACCURATE. PLASTIC BAGS ARE 100 PERCENT RECYCLABLE. 650
21 MILLION POUNDS OF PLASTIC BAG AND FILL MATERIALS WERE RECYCLED
22 LAST YEAR NATIONALLY ALONE. WE CAN DO BETTER. THE INDUSTRY IS
23 WILLING TO DO BETTER AND LOOKS FORWARD TO PARTNERING WITH THE
24 COUNTY. OUR CUSTOMER GROUPS AND THE GROCERY INDUSTRY AND
25 ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS AND OTHERS TO ACHIEVE THESE RECYCLING



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1 GOALS THAT ARE SET FORTH IN TODAY'S AMENDMENT BEFORE THE
2 BOARD. APPRECIATE THE TIME. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WOULD YOU PLEASE STATE YOUR
5 NAME?

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7 **JENNIFER FORKISH:** MY NAME IS JENNIFER FORKISH. GOOD AFTERNOON.
8 MY NAME IS JENNIFER FORKISH AND I'M HERE TODAY REPRESENTING
9 THE CALIFORNIA GROCERS' ASSOCIATION.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND MAY I ASK GABRIELLE WEEKS TO COME
12 FORWARD? AND THEN LESLIE TAMMINEN, AND LILLIAN BOYLE, I ASSUME
13 THAT YOU'RE GOING TO BE THE ONES THAT HAVE THE VIDEO
14 PRESENTATION. SO WE WILL FIRST HEAR FROM MARIO JUAREZ AND
15 GABRIELLE WEEKS.

16

17 **JENNIFER FORKISH:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS JENNIFER FORKISH
18 AND I'M HERE TODAY REPRESENTING THE CALIFORNIA GROCERS'
19 ASSOCIATION. C.G.A. MEMBERS, SOME OF WHICH-- WHO ARE IN
20 ATTENDANCE TODAY, APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ENGAGE IN
21 STAKEHOLDER DISCUSSIONS ABOUT THE ISSUE OF LITTER ABATEMENT,
22 RECYCLING AND PROMOTING THE USE OF REUSABLE BAGS. AFTER MONTHS
23 OF HARD WORK AND DEDICATION, WE BELIEVE THAT THIS ISSUE CAN BE
24 RESOLVED THROUGH A PARTNERSHIP WITH GOVERNMENT, INDUSTRY AND
25 OUR CUSTOMERS TO REDUCE LITTER AND THE USE OF BAGS TO PROMOTE



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1 RECYCLING AND THE USE OF REUSABLE BAGS. THEREOF, WE SUPPORT
2 THE UNDERLYING PRINCIPLES INCORPORATED INTO ALTERNATIVE 5.
3 WHEN COMBINED WITH THE AMENDMENT PUT FORWARD BY SUPERVISORS
4 ANTONOVICH AND KNABE. DESPITE REPORTS TO THE CONTRARY, THESE
5 ISSUES WERE NOT RECOMMENDED AT THE 11TH HOUR. THEY HAVE BEEN
6 RECOMMENDED MONTHS AGO. WHY WE HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT THE
7 REDUCTION NUMBERS, WE BELIEVE THAT THE ANTONOVICH/KNABE
8 AMENDMENT TAKES US THE RIGHT DIRECTION AND CREATES A PROGRAM
9 WHERE INDUSTRY CAN FEEL CONFIDENT ABOUT PARTICIPATING. WHILE
10 OPPONENTS OF THE AMENDMENT WILL TELL YOU THAT BANNING PLASTIC
11 BAGS IS THE ONLY VIABLE OPTION, THE TRUTH IS THAT UNLIKE THE
12 CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO, LOS ANGELES COUNTY DOES NOT HAVE THE
13 INFRASTRUCTURE TO HANDLE REPLACEMENT BIODEGRADABLE COMPOSTABLE
14 PRODUCTS. THE CLOSEST INDUSTRIAL COMPOSTING FACILITY TO HERE
15 IS LOCATED IN KERN COUNTY. WHILE SOME OF THE SPEAKERS TODAY
16 WOULD HAVE YOU BELIEVE OTHERWISE, A BAN WOULD REPLACE ONE
17 SOURCE OF LITTER THE WASTE STREAM AND REPLACE ANOTHER, AND DO
18 NOTHING TO ADDRESS THE NEED FOR A CHANGE IN CONSUMER BEHAVIOR.
19 BANS SEND THE FALSE MESSAGE THAT THERE'S SUCH A THING AS
20 ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY LITTER. THE MEMBERS OF C.G.A. MAKE
21 THE ISSUE OF ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP ONE OF THEIR TOP
22 PRIORITIES. AS SUCH, C.G.A. CONTINUES TO SUPPORT EFFORTS TO
23 PROMOTE RECYCLING, REDUCTION OF BAG USE AND PROMOTING THE USE
24 OF REUSABLE BAGS. MANY OF C.G.A.'S MEMBERS DIVERT OVER 50
25 PERCENT OF THEIR TOTAL SOLID WASTE FROM LANDFILL DISPOSAL, AND



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1 ACTIVELY WORK WITH ENGAGE WITH COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO ENCOURAGE
2 AND ASSIST CUSTOMERS IN RECYCLING VARIOUS MATERIALS. C.G.A.'S
3 MEMBERS HAVE LONG SUPPORTED EFFORTS TO RECYCLE PLASTICS AT-
4 STORE. GROCERY STORE MEMBERS RECYCLED OVER 32 MILLION POUNDS
5 OF PLASTIC IN 2005 OR ROUGHLY 9,960 POUNDS PER GROCERY STORE.
6 THESE NUMBERS INCLUDE SOLID PLASTICS, PLASTIC FILM, PLASTIC
7 BAGS AND FOAM WHICH CAN BE MADE INTO THINGS LIKE PARKING LOTS-
8 -

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

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12 **JENNIFER FORKISH:** THANK YOU. AND ON BEHALF OF GELSON'S, WE
13 HAVE REUSABLE BAGS FOR THE BOARD.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'D LIKE TO ASK, IF I CAN, MISS FORKISH, IF
16 YOU CAN COME BACK FOR A SECOND. I'D LIKE TO ASK HER A FEW
17 QUESTIONS? OR WOULD YOU PREFER I WAIT UNTIL THE PUBLIC HEARING
18 IS OVER, AND THEN ASK HER TO COME BACK UP?

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NO, WHY DON'T YOU ASK HER RIGHT NOW.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU SAID THAT THIS WAS NOT A LAST MINUTE.
23 WHEN DID YOU PROPOSE THESE REDUCED LIMITATIONS, OR THE REDUCED
24 THRESHOLDS?

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1 **JENNIFER FORKISH:** I'M SURE, AS PAUL CAN TESTIFY, THIS HAS BEEN
2 INCLUDED IN C.G.A.'S FEEDBACK TO BOTH BOARD OFFICES, THE
3 C.E.O.'S OFFICE AS WELL AS DEPARTMENT STAFF, SINCE OCTOBER OR
4 NOVEMBER OF LAST YEAR.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THESE PARTICULAR THRESHOLDS WERE
7 COMMUNICATED?

8

9 **JENNIFER FORKISH:** IT WAS COMMUNICATED TO THE BOARD OFFICES
10 THAT THE NUMBERS NEEDED TO BE REDUCED, AND SPECIFICALLY THAT
11 THE ORDINANCE DATE NEEDED TO BE MOVED IN ORDER FOR RETAILERS
12 TO BUY OFF INTO THE PROGRAM.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT YOU REPRESENT THE RETAILERS.

15

16 **JENNIFER FORKISH:** THE GROCERS, YES.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU WEREN'T GOING TO OPPOSE THE ALTERNATIVE
19 5, EVEN IF THE AMENDMENT HADN'T BEEN PUT FORWARD.

20

21 **JENNIFER FORKISH:** YES, WE WOULD HAVE OPPOSED THE ALTERNATIVE
22 5.

23



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MY INFORMATION WAS THAT YOU WERE NOT GOING
2 TO OPPOSE IT, YOU WERE NOT GOING TO SUPPORT IT. THAT YOU WERE
3 GOING TO REMAIN NEUTRAL.

4

5 **JENNIFER FORKISH:** WELL, THEY WERE STILL IN DISCUSSIONS ABOUT
6 FIGURING THAT OUT AT THE ASSOCIATION LEVEL.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, WHICH IS IT?

9

10 **JENNIFER FORKISH:** IT WENT FROM NEUTRAL TO THEN OPPOSE, BUT
11 ONCE WE HAD FURTHER--

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY** WHEN DID YOU DECIDE TO OPPOSE IT?

14

15 **>>JENNIFER FORKISH:** WE HAD A CONFERENCE CALL. I'M NOT REALLY
16 SURE OF THE SPECIFIC DATE.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL WAS IT LAST FRIDAY?

19

20 **JENNIFER FORKISH:** NO, NO. IT WAS BEFORE THAT. IT WAS ONCE,
21 WHENEVER THE DRAFT OF ALTERNATIVE 5 CAME OUT.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HOW LONG AGO WAS THE ALTERNATIVE 5 DRAFT
24 OUT? DON WOLFE?

25



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I BELIEVE IT WAS IN DECEMBER THAT THE ISSUE
2 WAS PRESENTED TO C.E.O.

3

4 **JENNIFER FORKISH:** IT WASN'T THAT LONG AGO.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WAS ADVISED-- AND IT'S POSSIBLE THAT MY
7 STAFF WAS IN ERROR, BUT IT'S NOT LIKELY, SINCE I WORK FOR
8 THEM-- I WAS ADVISED LATE LAST WEEK, IN FACT, I BELIEVE MAYBE
9 AS LATE AS FRIDAY, PERHAPS IT WAS THURSDAY, THAT THE POSITION
10 OF THE GROCERS' ASSOCIATION WAS THAT YOU WERE NOT GOING TO
11 ENTER INTO THE FRAY IF ALTERNATIVE 5 WAS THE ONLY MATTER OR
12 WAS THE RECOMMENDED MATTER.

13

14 **JENNIFER FORKISH:** RIGHT. WELL, WE PREFER TO FOCUS ON OUR
15 EXISTING POSITION, WHICH IS, WE SUPPORT AND INTEND TO COMMIT
16 OURSELVES--

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I KNOW YOU PREFER TO FOCUS ON YOUR CURRENT
19 POSITION, EXCEPT THAT IN YOUR TESTIMONY YOU SAID THAT YOU FOR
20 MONTHS HAD TAKEN ANOTHER POSITION. AND I'M JUST TRYING TO
21 FERRET OUT WHY IT IS THAT I AM SO SURPRISED BY THAT POSITION.
22 BECAUSE WHILE I KNOW THAT THE GROCERS' ASSOCIATION WOULD
23 PREFER THAT WE DO NOTHING--

24

25 **JENNIFER FORKISH:** THAT'S NOT ACCURATE.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OR THAT WE DO A MINIMAL AMOUNT OF
3 REGULATION, I UNDERSTAND IT. MY INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT YOUR
4 POSITION WAS IS DIFFERENT THAN WHAT YOU'RE COMMUNICATING TO ME
5 NOW.

6

7 **JENNIFER FORKISH:** RIGHT, AND THERE IS A REASON FOR THAT
8 ACTUALLY. AND AS SUSAN NISMAN FROM YOUR STAFF CAN VERIFY,
9 THERE'S ACTUALLY AN ONGOING ALTERNATIVE PROCESS. THERE WERE
10 ORIGINALLY ONLY FOUR ALTERNATIVES, OF WHICH WE SAID WE WOULD
11 STAY NEUTRAL ON ALTERNATIVE 4. BUT THE ISSUE GREW INTO
12 ALTERNATIVE 5 IN DECEMBER. SO OUR POSITION HAS CHANGED AS THE
13 ALTERNATIVES HAVE CHANGED ALONG THE PROCESS.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND WHAT IS THE SUBSTANTIVE ADVANTAGE TO YOU
16 OR TO YOUR CLIENTS OR TO YOUR ORGANIZATION OF THE
17 ANTONOVICH/KNABE AMENDMENT THAT IS BEING PROPOSED IN THE GREEN
18 SHEET? WHAT DOES THAT 5 PERCENT DIFFERENCE ON THE THRESHOLDS
19 AND THE 3 PERCENT DIFFERENCE ON THE OTHER STUFF, WHAT DOES
20 THAT MEAN TO YOUR CLIENTS?

21

22 **JENNIFER FORKISH:** PAUL, AGAIN, THE NUMBERS WERE ESTABLISHED
23 ARBITRARILY. AND SO WE FELT THAT LOOKING AT OUR CURRENT
24 RECYCLING DATA, EACH RETAILER, BASED ON 2449, WHICH WAS
25 ESTABLISHED SUBSEQUENT TO ANY ASSESSMENT OF 5 PERCENT



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1 RECYCLING, WE THEN FELT THAT THOSE NUMBERS SHOULD BE REDUCED
2 IN ORDER TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR RETAILERS TO COMPLY. AND ALONG
3 WITH THAT, THE ORDINANCE DATE WAS SET TO BE DRAFTED APRIL 1ST,
4 2009. IT'S VERY DIFFICULT FOR RETAILERS TO PARTICIPATE IN A
5 PROGRAM WHERE AN ORDINANCE ASSESSING THE PROGRAM'S FAILURE IS
6 ALREADY BEING DRAFTED.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO HOW MUCH EASIER DOES THIS MAKE IT? AND ON
9 WHAT BASIS DID YOU DETERMINE, OR DID YOUR ORGANIZATION
10 DETERMINE, THAT IT WOULD BE MEANINGFULLY EASIER FOR THE
11 GROCERS TO ATTAIN THESE GOALS? WHAT EVIDENCE DO YOU HAVE OF
12 THAT?

13

14 **JENNIFER FORKISH:** IF I COULD MAKE A CORRECTION, ACTUALLY. THIS
15 IS ISN'T ABOUT MAKING IT EASIER.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU JUST SAID IT.

18

19 **JENNIFER FORKISH:** SIGNIFICANT-- WELL, IT'S ABOUT MAKING IT
20 EASIER FOR THEM TO PARTICIPATE, TO REACH THE GOALS, TO FULFILL
21 THE NEEDS OF THE PROGRAM.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** EASIER TO REACH THE GOALS.

24

25 **JENNIFER FORKISH:** RIGHT.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT EVIDENCE DO YOU HAVE THAT THIS WOULD
3 MAKE IT MEANINGFULLY EASIER TO REACH THE GOALS?

4

5 **JENNIFER FORKISH:** AND, YOU KNOW, YOU HIT ON AN EXCELLENT
6 POINT. THAT'S EXACTLY OUR CONCERN IS, THE RETAILERS ARE BEING
7 PUT IN A POSITION TO GUARANTEE A CHANGE IN CONSUMER BEHAVIOR.
8 AND WE, ALONG WITH YOU, ARE UNDERTAKING THAT RISK. WE'RE IN TO
9 SEE THAT THIS PROGRAM CAN WORK. WE WANT TO GIVE IT A CHANCE.
10 BY NO MEANS IS IT A SMALL INVESTMENT OF OUR TIME OR MONEY.
11 THERE ARE MANY THINGS, AND MANY STEPS IN THIS PROGRAM THAT
12 SEEK TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC, TO CHANGE CONSUMER BEHAVIOR, AND
13 ALSO PROVIDE FREE REUSABLE BAGS. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF ASPECTS
14 TO ALTERNATIVE 5 THAT INDUSTRY HAS BEEN WILLING TO DO
15 PROACTIVELY.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IF YOU SET THE BAR LOW ENOUGH, YOU'LL MEET
18 THE GOALS. WE CAN ALL DO THAT. MY PREFERENCE, AND I THINK OUR
19 COLLECTIVE PREFERENCE, AND OUR COUNTY STAFF RECOMMENDATION,
20 WAS TO SET THE BAR WHERE ALTERNATIVE 5 SET THE BAR. THIS WAS
21 YOUR RECOMMENDATION, WAS IT NOT, MR. WOLFE?

22

23 **DON WOLFE:** YES, IT IS.

24



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT WASN'T 5 PERCENT LESS, IT WAS THIS
2 RECOMMENDATION?

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4 **DON WOLFE:** YES , AND THAT WAS BASED ON THE LONG STAKEHOLDER
5 PROCESS THAT WE WERE INVOLVED IN, AT YOUR BOARD'S REQUEST, TO
6 ARRIVE AT A SERIES OF RECOMMENDATIONS. AND WE THOUGHT THAT--
7 WE BELIEVED THAT ALTERNATIVE 5 WAS A GOOD COMPROMISE BETWEEN
8 ALL THE CONCERNS THAT WERE EXPRESSED AT THE TABLE. AND IT'S
9 TRUE THAT PEOPLE'S POSITIONS CHANGED AS THE ALTERNATIVES WERE
10 WRITTEN AND REWRITTEN. BUT WE FEEL VERY COMFORTABLE--

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO THIS WASN'T A NUMBER THAT WAS PULLED OUT
13 OF YOUR REAR POCKET, IS IT? [LAUGHTER.]

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT'S ALL ARBITRARY.

16

17 **DON WOLFE:** IT COULD BE SO DESCRIBED. BUT IT IS A COMPROMISE
18 NUMBER, SUPERVISOR. AND A HUGE EFFORT IS GOING TO HAVE TO BE
19 MADE BY EVERYBODY, ALL THE STAKEHOLDERS, IN ORDER TO MAKE THE
20 70 PERCENT OR EVEN TO MAKE THE 65 PERCENT. IT IS GOING TO
21 REQUIRE A TREMENDOUS EFFORT TO REACH THOSE GOALS. WE BELIEVE
22 THE 70 PERCENT IS A GOOD COMPROMISE POSITION. THAT'S WHY WE
23 CAME IN WITH THAT STAFF RECOMMENDATION. BUT IN ANY CASE,
24 THERE'S GOING TO BE A TREMENDOUS EFFORT.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I UNDERSTAND. ALL RIGHT. I THINK --

2

3 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MAY I-- I'D LIKE TO REALLY CLARIFY WHAT MY
4 EXPERIENCE HAS BEEN. I WAS TOLD ON WEDNESDAY THAT THERE WAS A
5 DIFFERENCE OF OPINION IN TERMS OF THE 30 AND THE 35. AS A
6 RESULT, ON THURSDAY, WE HAD A MEETING WITH ALL OF THE
7 REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL OF THOSE GROUPS THAT WERE HEAL THE BAY
8 AND OTHER REPRESENTATIVE GROUPS THAT WE'VE HEARD TODAY. I
9 ASKED THEM SPECIFICALLY IF THEY COULD ACCEPT THE NUMBERS THAT
10 ARE NOW BEING PRESENTED IN THIS AMENDMENT BY ANTONOVICH AND
11 KNABE. I WAS TOLD-- AND I WALKED OUT OF THAT ROOM BELIEVING
12 THAT EVERYONE HAD ARRIVED AT AN AGREEMENT. IT WAS NOT UNTIL
13 SOMETIME ON MONDAY THAT I RECEIVED THE INFORMATION THAT THEY
14 NO LONGER WERE WILLING TO GO ALONG WITH THAT. NOW IF YOU ASK
15 WHEN THE FIRST INFORMATION? I DON'T KNOW WHEN THE FIRST
16 INFORMATION THAT THERE WAS A DIFFERENCE IN TERMS OF THE DATE
17 AND THE NUMBER AND THE PERCENTAGES, BUT I KNOW THAT IT WAS
18 PRIOR TO WEDNESDAY OF LAST WEEK BECAUSE I MET WITH THEM ON
19 THURSDAY, AT WHICH TIME I WAS ADVISED THAT THEY ACCEPTED IT.
20 SO, YOU KNOW, I TELL YOU, I FEEL AS THOUGH I HAVE TO RELY ON
21 SOMETHING. AND I'M REALLY INTERESTED IN SEEING SOMETHING DONE.
22 WE CAN DO NOTHING AND THAT'S WHERE WE'RE GOING. AND I'D LIKE
23 TO SEE SOMETHING DONE BECAUSE I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT. I THINK
24 IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO MOVE TOWARD A BAN. BUT WE'RE NOT
25 GOING TO MOVE ANY PLACE IF WE JUST KEEP PUTTING IT OFF AND



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1 PUTTING IT OFF AND REFUSING TO TAKE SOME KIND OF A STAND.
2 UNFORTUNATELY THE ONLY WAY THIS IS GOING TO HAPPEN IS IF ALL
3 OF THOSE ENTITIES WHO ARE INVOLVED COME TOGETHER AND START
4 SOMEWHERE. AND THAT WAS THE REASON THAT I FELT IT WAS
5 IMPORTANT IN THE FIRST PLACE TO INTRODUCE THE MEASURE, IN THE
6 SECOND PLACE TO TRY TO WORK IT OUT. IT HAS NOT BEEN EASY. I
7 REALIZE, DON'T EVER TRY TO DO ANYTHING BECAUSE IT'S TOUGH,
8 PARTICULARLY WHEN YOU HAVE TO GET EVERYBODY WHO FEELS SO
9 STRONGLY AND WHO HAS BUSINESS INTERESTS TOGETHER. WE WERE ABLE
10 TO DO THAT. I HOPE THAT WHATEVER WAY THIS TURNS OUT, WE'LL
11 HAVE THE COOPERATION OF EVERYONE IN TRYING TO DO WHAT WE NEED
12 TO DO, WHICH IS ULTIMATELY ARRIVE AT AN ELIMINATION OF PLASTIC
13 BAGS. AND IT'S NOT GOING TO HAPPEN IMMEDIATELY. WHAT WE HAVE
14 TO DO-- MY EXPERIENCE IS THAT IF YOU CAN GET A START AND YOU
15 CAN MOVE FORWARD TO DO SOMETHING, IT'S BETTER THAN CONTINUING
16 TO TALK ABOUT IT AND ARGUE AND DO NOTHING. AND THAT'S WHERE WE
17 ARE RIGHT NOW. WE CAN DO NOTHING OR WE CAN TRY TO ARRIVE AT A
18 MEANINGFUL COMPROMISE AND WE CAN MOVE FORWARD.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAME CHAIR? I JUST WOULD ADD, THAT I WAS CLEARLY
21 UNDER THE IMPRESSION, ZEV, IN ALL DUE RESPECT, THE ALTERNATIVE
22 5 WAS GOING TO BE OPPOSED BY THE GROCERS AND OTHERS. PART OF
23 MY CONCERN IS EXACTLY WHAT SUPERVISOR BURKE IS SAYING. WE NEED
24 TO DO SOMETHING, AND WE NEED TO MOVE FORWARD ON SOMETHING. AND
25 THAT WAS THE REASON THAT WE HAD LOOKED AT THIS POTENTIAL 5



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1 PERCENT REDUCTION AT EITHER END OF THIS PARTICULAR
2 RECOMMENDATION, BECAUSE I THINK AS YOU MENTIONED EARLIER AS
3 WELL, TOO, OUR ULTIMATE GOAL IS A TOTAL ELIMINATION OF PLASTIC
4 BAGS. AND TO START WITH SOMETHING, TO GET IT ON THE BOOKS AND
5 MOVE FORWARD, THIS IS NOT ABOUT RECYCLING. THIS IS ABOUT
6 REDUCING AND THE ULTIMATE GOAL OF TOTAL ELIMINATION. SO THAT'S
7 WHERE I SAT IN THIS PROCESS. AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, I
8 ASSUME, FELT THE SAME WAY AS WE BROUGHT IN THIS AMENDMENT, FOR
9 NO OTHER REASON THAN TO GET IT GOING, MOVE FORWARD. WE WERE
10 UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT THERE WAS AGREEMENT ON THIS
11 PARTICULAR PROPOSAL, TO MOVE FORWARD AND GET IT ON THE BOOKS
12 AND START DOING WHAT WE NEED TO DO, AND THAT'S TO ELIMINATE
13 PLASTIC BAGS.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW LONG HAVE THE STAKEHOLDERS BEEN MEETING?

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19 **DON WOLFE:** WE HAVE BEEN MEETING SINCE MAY OF LAST YEAR.

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SINCE MAY OF LAST YEAR.

22

23 **DON WOLFE:** THAT'S CORRECT.

24



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THE C.G.A. OBJECTIONS, HOW LONG DID THOSE
2 PERCENTAGES IN ALTERNATIVE 5, HOW LONG HAS THERE BEEN
3 OBJECTIONS TO THOSE PROPOSALS?

4

5 **DON WOLFE:** WE HAVE BEEN MEETING WITH C.G.A. ON AN ONGOING
6 BASIS. JENNIFER OF C.G.A. HAS CLEARLY STATED THAT THE POSITION
7 FROM C.G.A. HAS BEEN CHANGING DEPENDING UPON THE ALTERNATIVES
8 THAT ARE COMING BEFORE THE COUNTY AND DRAFTED IN COORDINATION
9 WITH THE STAKEHOLDERS. THEY FIRST MADE THEIR COMMENT KNOWN IN
10 NOVEMBER THAT THEY SUPPORT A 5 PERCENT DROP IN THE BENCHMARKS.
11 BUT AT THAT TIME, WE WERE ALSO DISCUSSING WHETHER THERE SHOULD
12 BE AN AUTOMATIC BAN OR NOT. SO IT'S A MIXED BAG OF ISSUES THAT
13 WERE GOING ON AT THE SAME TIME IN NOVEMBER. ULTIMATELY COUNTY
14 STAFF RECOMMENDED ALTERNATIVE 5 AS PRESENTED TO YOU.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO THEY SUPPORTED ALTERNATIVE 5 BEGINNING IN
17 NOVEMBER?

18

19 **DON WOLFE:** NO. THEY SUPPORTED ALTERNATIVE 4. THE DIFFERENCE
20 BETWEEN ALTERNATIVE 4 AND ALTERNATIVE 5 IS THE TRIGGER EFFECT.
21 IF THE GOALS ARE NOT MET UNDER ALTERNATIVE 4, THIS BOARD WOULD
22 CONSIDER MEASURES, INCLUDING A BAN. ALTERNATIVE 5, IF THEY
23 DON'T MEET THE GOALS, AN AUTOMATIC BAN WOULD KICK IN. THAT WAS
24 A MAJOR DISAGREEMENT THAT C.G.A. DID EXPRESS TO THE COUNTY.



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1 NOW FROM MY GATHERING, THEY SUPPORT THE AUTOMATIC BAN BUT
2 STILL ADVOCATE FOR A 5 PERCENT DROP IN THE BENCHMARKS.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IF WE'RE GOING TO MAKE PROGRESS, YOU'RE GOING
5 TO HAVE TO HAVE A COMPROMISE. AND THE COMPROMISE IS GOING TO
6 HAVE TO ENSURE THAT THE LARGER STAKEHOLDERS ARE GOING TO BE
7 PART OF THAT AGREEMENT, OTHERWISE YOU'RE NOT GOING TO HAVE THE
8 INTENT THAT EVERYONE WANTS TO HAVE, AND THAT'S TO ELIMINATE
9 THE PROLIFERATION OF THESE PLASTIC BAGS. AND WORKING WITH ALL
10 OF THE STAKEHOLDERS BECAUSE WE CAN ISSUE ALL KINDS OF
11 REGULATIONS FROM A LEGISLATIVE BODY, BUT UNLESS YOU HAVE THOSE
12 WHO ARE REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT THOSE REGULATIONS, YOU'RE NOT
13 GOING TO ACHIEVE YOUR GOAL. YOU WILL NOT ACHIEVE YOUR GOAL.
14 AND THE REASON FOR SUPERVISOR KNABE AND MY AMENDMENT IS A WAY
15 OF ENCOURAGING THAT WE ARE WORKING TOGETHER TOWARD THAT GOAL
16 IN ENSURING THAT THE LARGER STAKEHOLDER IS A PART OF THE
17 PROCESS. AND THAT'S WHAT WE WANT TO HAVE THE END RESULT, NOT A
18 FEEL GOOD, TEMPORARY MOTION PASSED BY A LEGISLATIVE BODY, BUT
19 ONE THAT WILL BE IMPLEMENTED AND INCLUDE EVERYBODY IN THE
20 PROCESS OF ACCOMPLISHING THE GOAL THAT WE ARE WORKING TOWARD.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, AT THIS TIME I THINK THAT WE
23 HAVE A PRESENTATION THAT HEAL THE BAY WANTED TO PUT, A VIDEO.
24 OH I'M SORRY. YOU HAVEN'T FINISHED.

25



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1 **GABRIELLE WEEKS:** I HAVEN'T STARTED, MA'AM.

2

3 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'M SORRY. STATE YOUR NAME. I'M SORRY. I
4 MEANT TO CALL ON YOU FIRST.

5

6 **GABRIELLE WEEKS:** HI. I'M GABRIELLE WEEKS. I'M WITH PROMETHEUS,
7 WHICH IS AN ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE NONPROFIT IN LONG BEACH. I
8 CAME UP TODAY TO ASK YOU GUYS TO TAKE MEANINGFUL STEPS TO
9 GETTING THESE BAGS OUT OF OUR TREES, OUT OF OUR STREETS, OUT
10 OF OUR STORM SEWERS. THIS IS AN INTERESTING PROCESS HERE, BUT
11 I HEARD THE TERM "LARGER STAKEHOLDER" USED FOR THE PLASTICS
12 INDUSTRY. I WOULD LIKE TO RESPECTFULLY REMIND YOU, I'M THE
13 LARGER STAKEHOLDER. I'M YOUR CONSTITUENT. I'M VOTING FOR YOU.
14 I'M THE ONE WHO DOES THE SHOPPING FOR MY FAMILY. RESPECTFULLY,
15 I'M THE ONE WHO DOES THE SHOPPING FOR MY FAMILY, AND I CHOOSE
16 FOR MYSELF WHETHER I USE PLASTIC OR A DURABLE BAG. AND I'VE
17 GOT A LOT OF DURABLE BAGS. MAKING THOSE THINGS EASIER FOR US
18 TO ACCESS IS GOING TO MAKE MORE PEOPLE USE THEM. I USE THE
19 BAGS THAT ARE DURABLE, NOT BECAUSE I'M AN ENVIRONMENTALIST,
20 BECAUSE I DON'T WANT MY GROCERIES TO BREAK LIKE A BAD PINATA
21 OVER THE PARKING LOT. THEY TRIPLE BAG MY STUFF. ANYTHING WITH
22 A SQUARE CORNER, LAUNDRY SOAP, ORANGE JUICE, IT RIPS THROUGH
23 THOSE BAGS. I HAD A PREPARED SPEECH. SOME OF THOSE KIDS AND SO
24 MANY OF THE COMMUNITY GROUPS HAVE JUST MADE MUCH MORE
25 MEANINGFUL SPEECHES THAN I HAVE. I JUST WANTED TO REMIND YOU



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1 THAT THESE BAGS, EVEN THOUGH WE TRY TO RECYCLE THEM, THEY BLOW
2 OUT OF THOSE RECYCLING BINS. THOSE LITTLE FLIMSY BAGS MAKE A
3 MUCH BETTER KITE THAN THEY DO A METHOD FOR CARRYING GROCERIES.
4 THEY'RE BLOCKING OUR STORM GATES. IN THE CITY OF LONG BEACH, I
5 HEAR HUGE COMPLAINTS FROM THE D.P.W. THEY CLOG UP THE STORM
6 SEWERS. THEY'RE KILLING THE ANIMALS. THOSE AREN'T JUST MY
7 ANIMALS, IN LONG BEACH, NEAR THE BEACH. THOSE SEA CREATURES
8 BELONG TO ALL OF US. PEOPLE WHO COME HERE FROM ALL OF
9 CALIFORNIA AND OTHER STATES TO SEE THE SEA LIFE. AND THEY
10 MISTAKE THESE BAGS FOR SQUID AND THEY EAT THEM, AND IT KILLS
11 THEM. SO PLEASE, YOU HAVE THE POWER TO HELP US TAKE MEANINGFUL
12 STEPS TOWARDS REDUCING AND BANNING THOSE AWFUL BAGS. IKEA
13 CHARGES FOR A BAG. THEY HAVEN'T GONE OUT OF BUSINESS. THEY
14 DON'T HAVE A LOBBYIST HERE SAYING, "OH MY GOD WE GOT TO HAVE
15 BAGS." OTHER NATIONS HAVE GONE WITH DURABLE BAGS. THEY CHARGE
16 YOU A FEE. IT'S LIKE A QUARTER IF YOU DON'T BRING A BAG. MY
17 NEIGHBOR HAS ONE THAT'S 37 YEARS OLD. HE GOT IT AS AN EXCHANGE
18 STUDENT IN GERMANY.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. ARE YOU
21 READY TO DO YOUR PRESENTATION? AND THAT IS LESLIE AND LILLIAN?
22 NO ONE ELSE? YES, THEY WANT TO DO A VIDEO.

23

24 **LILLIAN BOYLE:** HELLO. MY NAME'S LILLY BOYLE AND I'M 12 YEARS
25 OLD. I ATTEND THE ARCHER SCHOOL FOR GIRLS AND I'M ALREADY A



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1 HEAL THE BAY MEMBER. I'M HERE TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THE
2 CHILDREN WHO INHERIT THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS PLANET. SINCE
3 KIDS LIKE ME WILL ONE DAY HAVE TO BE THE GUARDIANS OF THIS
4 PLANET, I'M ASKING YOU NOT TO MAKE OUR JOB ANY HARDER. PLASTIC
5 BAGS DON'T ONLY HARM THE OCEAN AND ITS CREATURES, IT'S ALSO
6 MESSING UP OUR ENVIRONMENT. EVERY DAY WITHOUT A BAN USES
7 MILLIONS OF BARRELS OF OIL TO MAKE THE BAGS AND CONTRIBUTES TO
8 THE POLLUTION OF OUR PLANET THAT WILL NEVER GO AWAY. THAT
9 MEANS I WILL INHERIT THE PROBLEM. PLEASE BAN PLASTIC BAGS LIKE
10 THEY HAVE IN CHINA, AUSTRALIA, UGANDA, ENGLAND, AND EVEN
11 CLOSER TO HOME IN SAN FRANCISCO. REUSABLE BAGS ARE THE ONLY
12 WAY TO GO. LOOK AT MINE. AND THIS BAG IS FROM MY SCHOOL.
13 THEY'RE USING IT AND SELLING THEM IN OUR STORE. I WISH I COULD
14 SHOW YOU THE ALTERNATIVE. ON MY WAY HERE I TOOK PICTURES OF
15 PLASTIC BAGS IN TREES IN MY CELL PHONE. I FOUND OVER 20, AND I
16 I JUST STARTED COUNTING WHEN I ALMOST GOT HERE. THESE PICTURES
17 MAY BE SMALL BUT THE PROBLEM'S BIG. HERE ARE 4,800 SIGNATURES
18 FROM L.A. COUNTY TO STOP-- TO BAN BAGS. IT'S REALLY HEAVY.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

21

22 **LESLIE TAMMINEN:** IN DEFERENCE TO FACT THAT HEAL THE BAY HAS
23 ALREADY TESTIFIED, I'M SIMPLY INTRODUCING THE 3 MINUTE
24 PRESENTATION YOU'RE ABOUT TO SEE FROM A SMALL TOWN IN DEVON,
25 UNITED KINGDOM. YOU'VE ALL HEARD OF THE LITTLE ENGINE THAT



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1 COULD. THIS IS THE LITTLE TOWN THAT DID. AND THIS VIDEO CAN
2 EITHER INSPIRE YOU OR SHAME YOU. YOU DECIDE.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** CAN WE SEE IT ON HERE?

5

6 **SPEAKER:** IT ACTUALLY STARTED IN THE STATES. IT WAS FILMING IN
7 HAWAII AND IT WAS FILMING A DOCUMENTARY OF ABOUT MARINE
8 DEBRIS, AND CHIEFLY THE MOST PROLIFIC THING THAT IS MARINE
9 DEBRIS IS PLASTIC. SO BEING THERE FOR A YEAR, SEEING ANIMALS
10 ENTANGLED IN IT, SEEING ANIMALS INGESTING IT, IT GOT TO ME.
11 AND ONE OF THE CHIEF THINGS THAT WE SAW A LOT OF WAS PLASTIC
12 BAGS. WE WERE AMAZED BY IT. WE SAW TURTLES WITH PLASTIC BAGS,
13 ONE IN PARTICULAR, SAW A TURTLE WITH A PLASTIC BAG IN ITS
14 MOUTH, SLOWLY CHOKING TO DEATH. THERE WAS OTHER OCCASIONS, WE
15 WERE FILMING SPINNER DOLPHINS. AND WE WERE WATCHING THEM PLAY
16 WITH PLASTIC BAGS LIKE IT WAS A FOOTBALL. THEY WOULD SWING IT
17 AROUND. BUT NOW AND THEN WE'D WATCH ONE EAT ONE. AND WE KNEW
18 AS SOON AS IT WENT INTO ITS INTESTINE, IT WOULD CHOKE IT UP.
19 AND FOR ME PLASTIC BAGS ARE THE EPITOME OF THROWAWAY SOCIETY.
20 IT TOOK MONTHS TO JUST CHANGE OVER, GET ALTERNATIVES IN PLACE.
21 AND WE HAVE BECOME PLASTIC BAG FREE. SIMON USED USED TO GO
22 THROUGH 50,000-- BETWEEN 30 AND 50,000 PLASTIC BAGS A YEAR
23 JUST IN THIS LITTLE BOOK SHOP.

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1 **SIMON:** WE USE GREASE FREE PAPER. THEN WE USE A BIODEGRADABLE
2 CORN STARCH BAG. AND THEN AFTER THAT, WE GIVE PEOPLE THE
3 OPTION TO BUY A BIODEGRADABLE CARRIER BAG. SINCE WE WENT LIVE,
4 WHICH IS SEVEN WEEKS, I HAVEN'T GONE THROUGH 600 WHEREAS WE
5 SHOULD HAVE GONE THROUGH IN CARRIER BAGS ALONE, WE WOULD HAVE
6 NORMALLY USED AROUND ABOUT 7,000.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** WE HAVE BIODEGRADABLE DOG POOP BAGS. WE HAVE
9 BIODEGRADABLE TRASH SACKS BECAUSE OBVIOUSLY WE HAD SO MANY
10 PLASTIC BIN LINERS. SO EVERY TYPE OF BAG WE'VE TRIED TO FIND
11 IN MOWBRY, AND EVERY ONE THAT USED TO BE PLASTIC, WE'VE GOT AN
12 ALTERNATIVE FOR, AND IT'S THAT EASY. NOW WHAT HAPPENS IS, THEY
13 HAVE THE BAGS RIGHT HERE. AND THEY'RE OUT OF THE WAY. SO IF
14 PEOPLE WANT A BAG, THEY ACTUALLY HAVE TO ASK FOR ONE AND
15 THEY'RE CHARGED. AND IT'S BEEN WORKING SO WELL HERE THAT NOW
16 THIS SUPERMARKET IS GOING TO TAKE IT ON TO SIX OTHER
17 SUPERMARKETS IN THE COUNTY. THEY'RE GOING TO SPREAD IT OVER.
18 THEY'RE ALSO TAKING IT UP TO SCOTLAND AND TRYING IT OUT THERE.
19 AND IF THIS SUPERMARKET CAN DO IT, ALL THE BRITISH
20 SUPERMARKETS CAN DO IT. THERE'S NO EXCUSE WHATSOEVER. THE MAIN
21 THING IS BRING YOUR OWN BAG. IT'S CHEAP. IT'S THE CHEAPEST
22 WAY. IT REDUCES WASTE. IT REDUCES EVERYTHING. IT'S BEEN
23 ABSOLUTELY FANTASTIC.

24

25 **SPEAKER:** LOS ANGELES, YOU CAN DO IT, TOO.



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2 **SPEAKER:** LOS ANGELES, YOU CAN DO IT, TOO.

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4 **SPEAKER:** WE'VE GOT BRIGHTON GOING. WE'VE GOT OXFORD GOING. WE
5 GOT STROUD GOING. WE GOT THE SCOTTISH ISLES GOING. WE GOT
6 PLACES IN YORKSHIRE GOING LIKE LEEDS, BIG CITIES, AND THEY'RE
7 DOING IT.

8

9 **SPEAKER:** I WOULD LIKE TO TELL THE CITY AND COUNTY OF LOS
10 ANGELES AND THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA THAT IT IS ACHIEVABLE. IT
11 IS DOABLE. I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU'RE NOT DOING IT NOW.
12 MOWBRY'S DOING IT, YOU CAN DO IT, TOO.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS THERE ANYONE WHO WISHES TO BE
15 RECOGNIZED?

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS THE PUBLIC HEARING COMPLETED?

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I THINK EVERYONE WHO HAS-- ALL THE CARDS WE
20 HAVE CALLED ON. THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE WHO PUT IN CARDS AFTER
21 THE ITEM WAS CALLED. WOULD YOU LIKE TO HEAR THEM? ALL RIGHT.
22 SURELY. LET'S CALL-- MAY I HAVE YOUR CARDS? ANN SMITH AND RICK
23 SILDER. WOULD YOU PLEASE COME FORWARD? YES, PLEASE COME RIGHT
24 HERE. ANN SMITH WISHES TO SPEAK TOO.

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1 **RICK SILDER:** HI, THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO SIGN UP LATE FOR
2 ALL OF THIS. I JUST WANTED TO SPEAK BECAUSE I'M REALLY
3 CONCERNED--

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5 **SUP. KNABE:** SIR, COULD YOU MOVE YOUR MICROPHONE SO WE CAN--?
6 THERE YOU GO.

7

8 **RICK SILDER:** IS THAT BETTER? I THANK ALL OF YOU FOR ALLOWING
9 ME TO SPEAK LATE. I JUST WANTED TO SPEAK BECAUSE I'M REALLY
10 CONCERNED ABOUT THE MISINFORMATION.

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12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** JANET THIGPEN ALSO HAS SIGNED UP.

13

14 **RICK SILDER:** I'M REALLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE MISINFORMATION
15 THAT I'M HEARING TODAY. I WOULD INVITE THE BOARD, ALL OF YOU,
16 EVERYONE IN THIS ROOM TO LOOK AT THE E.P.A.'S STUDY ON PAPER
17 VERSUS PLASTIC. THE LITTER ISSUE WITH PLASTIC BAGS IS REAL AND
18 IT'S A CONCERN TO ALL OF US. BUT WE'RE LOOKING FOR AN EASY
19 SOLUTION. AND UNFORTUNATELY WE LIVE IN A WORLD WHERE WE DON'T
20 ALWAYS HAVE IT. OUR OWN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY HAS A
21 VERY EXHAUSTIVE STUDY ON THE IMPACT OF PAPER VERSUS PLASTIC.
22 AND I WISH THAT EVERYBODY WOULD LOOK AT THE TOTAL
23 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF THE ALTERNATIVES BEFORE LOOKING AT
24 BANNING THINGS. PLASTIC HAS ITS PLACE. INDIA, CHINA ARE NOT
25 BANNING THOSE BAGS. THEY'RE MAKING THEM THICKER. WHY ARE THEY



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1 MAKING THEM THICKER? IT LENDS ITSELF TO REUSING THE PRODUCT
2 MORE OFTEN. IT AIDS IN THE RECYCLING OF THE PRODUCT. THERE ARE
3 OTHER ALTERNATIVES THAT I REALLY DON'T THINK WE'RE LOOKING AT
4 THIS POINT. AND IT'S ABOUT EDUCATION. AND THAT'S MY MAIN
5 CONCERN. AND THE MISINFORMATION THAT'S BEEN STATED HERE TODAY.
6 THANK YOU.

7

8 **JANET THIGPEN:** HELLO, DARLING. NOT TO BE DISRESPECTFUL TOWARD
9 YOU, I KNOW THAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT THE, I GUESS,
10 BIODEGRADABLE OR AS WELL AS COMPOST OR PLASTIC BAGS, WHICH IS
11 LIKE COMMENDABLE, YOU KNOW, IF YOU KNOW THE FORMULA FOR WHAT
12 YOU CALL COMPOST I GUESS IT WOULD BE BIODEGRADABLE. BUT THE
13 THEORY WOULD BE, YOU WOULD HAVE TO ACTUALLY GATHER UP THE
14 THINGS AND PUT IT IN THEIR RIGHT APPROPRIATE PLACES. EVERYONE
15 HAS A PLACE. THE THEORY OF LIFE, YOU KNOW, I GUESS YOU CALL,
16 HOW WOULD YOU CALL THAT? WHAT'S THAT WORD I'M TRYING TO THINK
17 OF? THE FOOD CHAIN. THEY TEACH YOU THAT IN SCHOOL, SOMEPLACE I
18 WILL NEVER TEACH AGAIN, ESPECIALLY FOR CALIFORNIA. NOW, I CAME
19 HERE FOR TWO REASONS, FOR WHAT IS CALLED THAT THEORY OF YOUR
20 BIODEGRADABLE COMPOST, PLASTIC. I ALSO COME TO SAY THAT I HAVE
21 AN ILLOGICAL AND THOUGH PROVOKING, MANIACAL, ASININE THEORY
22 THAT'S GOING ON. ANY TIME THEY TAKE A PERSON AND TRYING TO
23 DOWNGRADE IT, OSTRACIZE IT, HUMILIATE IT, AN INUNDATE A THEORY
24 THAT IT WOULD TEACH SCHOOL AS TO OSTRACISION [SIC], THEY GOT A
25 THEORY WITH MENTAL CAPACITY. I AS A PERSON SHALL NEVER FORGIVE



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1 THE DUMB IGNORAMUS OXYMORON MARIE MADAL. MY RIGHT. AS WELL AS
2 THAT UN THOUGHT PROVOKING, MANIACAL ASININE 22-YEAR-OLD WHICH
3 IS TRYING TO INNOVATE AN IDEA THAT I WOULD ADOPT A GROWN WOMAN
4 TO OBLIViate MY FUNDS. NOW, I LIKE GOING TO THE LAW OFFICE AND
5 THEY SAY, "WELL GEEZ HOW DO WE SAY? SHE'S SORT OF
6 EMBARRASSING." YOU KNOW, IF THE THEORY WAS IT WAS AN
7 IRREVOCABLE TRUST AND IF I WORKED THERE 2002 AND THEY DID THE
8 REVOCABLE TRUST IN 2003, IT'S STILL MY MONEY. I DON'T CARE WHO
9 SLEEPS WITH WHO. IT'S MY MONEY. NOW IF A GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS
10 THINK I'M EMBARRASSING, THEY'RE GOING TO BE REAL EMBARRASSING
11 IF I SUE.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME HAS ELAPSED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

14

15 **JANET THIGPEN:** SOMETHING FOR YOU TO CONSIDER.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

18

19 **JANET THIGPEN:** BECAUSE I'M KEEPING IT.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. DO WE HAVE COMMENTS FROM THE
22 BOARD?

23

24 **SUP. KNABE:** I WOULD JUST MOVE THE--

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE AND THEN SUPERVISOR
2 YAROSLAVSKY

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** I WOULD MOVE THE YAROSLAVSKY/BURKE MOTION WITH OUR
5 AMENDMENTS ON THE GREEN SHEET. I WOULD MOVE THAT ITEM.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I ASSUME THAT WILL BE TWO SEPARATE VOTES ON
10 THAT BECAUSE OF THE AMENDMENT.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE:** NO, IT WAS JUST ONE MOTION WITH THE AMENDMENTS.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, THEN I WOULD MOVE THAT WE DIVIDE THE
15 QUESTION WHEN WE GET THERE. BUT THERE ARE TWO ITEMS ON THE
16 AGENDA. ANYWAY, WE DON'T NEED TO SPEND A LOT OF TIME ON THAT.
17 LET ME JUST KIND OF REFLECT ON THIS FOR A SECOND. PERSONALLY I
18 WAS RATHER SURPRISED THAT HEAL THE BAY AND THEIR SUPPORTERS IN
19 THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMUNITY HAD AGREED TO A PACKAGE THAT WAS
20 LESS THAN A BAN. PERSONALLY, IF IT WAS UP TO ME-- AND OF
21 COURSE IT ISN'T UP TO ME, BUT IF IT WAS UP TO ME-- IF IT WAS
22 UP TO ME, THERE WOULD BE A BAN ON PLASTIC BAGS. I DON'T THINK
23 THERE IS A LOT OF DEBATE ABOUT THE DAMAGE AND DEGRADATION THAT
24 THE PLASTIC BAGS DO TO THE ENVIRONMENT, TO OUR ANIMAL LIFE, TO
25 OUR COASTLINE, TO OUR FLOOD CONTROL CHANNELS, TO OUR STORMS



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1 AND GUTTERS. YOU ONLY HAVE TO LOOK AFTER A WIND STORM IN THIS
2 TOWN TO SEE PLASTIC BAGS HANGING FROM VIRTUALLY EVERY OTHER
3 SYCAMORE TREE IN TOWN. THEY'RE PERVASIVE. BILLIONS OF THEM ARE
4 USED EVERY YEAR. SO I WAS SURPRISED THAT HEAL THE BAY AND
5 THEIR SUPPORTERS WHO HAVE BEEN FIGHTING SO HARD TO KEEP THE
6 BAY CLEAN AND TO GET IT CLEAN WOULD AGREE TO A COMPROMISE THAT
7 DID NOT GO AS FAR AS A COMPLETE BAN. AND THAT WAS THE PREMISE
8 UPON WHICH I WAS WORKING. I THINK MRS. BURKE WAS WORKING FOR
9 QUITE A FEW MONTHS. THIS GOES BACK MORE THAN A HALF A YEAR NOW
10 TO TRY TO GET A PACKAGE THAT EVERYBODY COULD-- A MEANINGFUL
11 PACKAGE THAT PEOPLE COULD GET BEHIND. AND THAT WAS THE
12 ALTERNATIVE 5 THAT WAS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT, WAS NOT
13 RECOMMENDED BY ME OR BY SUPERVISOR BURKE OR BY ANY OTHER
14 INDIVIDUAL, IT WAS RECOMMENDED BY OUR OWN DEPARTMENT, BY OUR
15 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, WHICH IS, NO OFFENSE, BUT IS NOT
16 KNOWN AS ONE OF THE FAR LEFT ENVIRONMENTAL PROMOTERS ON THE
17 PLANET. IT'S THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OF THE COUNTY OF
18 LOS ANGELES. AND YET THEY MADE THIS RECOMMENDATION, WHICH AS
19 YOU HEARD FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, WAS A COMPROMISE
20 IN THEIR OWN MIND BETWEEN THE VARIOUS INPUTS THAT THEY HEARD
21 FROM THE VARIOUS STAKEHOLDERS. AND THAT INCLUDED SUPPORT FROM
22 HEAL THE BAY AND IT INCLUDES SUPPORT FROM MR. GOLD WHO HEADS
23 UP HEAL THE BAY AND THEIR MEMBERS. I DON'T KNOW WHEN IT
24 HAPPENED AND HOW IT HAPPENED. I'LL TAKE IT AT FACE VALUE, BUT
25 I LEARNED ABOUT THE GROCERS' ASSOCIATION IN AN EMAIL I



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1 RECEIVED FRIDAY, AN EMAIL THAT WAS-- I LEARNED ABOUT IT FROM
2 MY STAFF ON FRIDAY, AND LATER FROM THE EMAIL, THAT THE
3 PACKAGE, THE COMPROMISED RECOMMENDATION OF ALTERNATIVE 5 THAT
4 WAS RECOMMENDED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WAS NOT GOOD
5 ENOUGH. AND TO ME-- AND I'M NOT SAYING THIS IS WHAT MOTIVATED
6 IT, BUT I'LL TELL YOU WHAT IT SOUNDED LIKE TO ME. IT SOUNDED
7 LIKE TO ME THAT IF THAT'S WHAT THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
8 WANTS, THEN WE WANT TO KNOCK IT DOWN BY 5 PERCENT. WHY?
9 BECAUSE WE CAN. THAT'S THE WAY IT APPEARED TO ME. I WASN'T
10 CONSULTED ON IT. AND I'M A CO-AUTHOR OF THE MOTION. I WASN'T
11 CONSULTED ON IT. BUT IT IS WHAT IT IS AND IT APPEARS-- I'M NOT
12 GOING TO VOTE FOR THE AMENDMENT, THE ANTONOVICH/KNABE
13 AMENDMENT. PEOPLE HAVE ARGUED "WELL IT'S SO CLOSE," AND IT IS
14 VERY CLOSE. BUT I PREFER TO SET THE BAR HIGHER. THAT'S THE WAY
15 I AM WITH MYSELF. IT'S THE WAY I'VE ALWAYS BEEN WITH MY
16 LEGISLATION. AND IF IT TURNS OUT TO BE A DISASTER, WHICH IN MY
17 JUDGMENT IT WOULDN'T BE. IF IT TURNED OUT TO BE UNREALISTIC,
18 I'D RATHER SET THE BAR HIGH AND HAVE TO DEAL WITH THAT PROBLEM
19 THAN SET THE BAR LOW AND HAVE IT LESS MEANINGFUL. THIS ISN'T
20 AN ISSUE ABOUT GETTING NOTHING, SUPERVISOR BURKE. THAT'S NEVER
21 BEEN THE ISSUE. THE ISSUE IS WHETHER WE GET SOMETHING. AND I
22 THINK, FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO THANK YOU AND YOUR STAFF,
23 BECAUSE YOU HAVE WORKED EXTREMELY HARD AND YOUR STAFF HAS
24 WORKED EXTREMELY HARD, AND THE REST OF OUR STAFFS HAVE, BUT
25 ESPECIALLY YOURS, IN TRYING TO GET US TO THIS POINT. AND THE



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1 TRUTH IS, THAT AS FAR APART AS WE ARE, WE ARE A FAR SIGHT
2 FARTHER DOWN THE LINE, DOWN THE ROAD TODAY, THAN WE WERE IN
3 MAY WHEN THIS MOTION WAS FIRST INTRODUCED. I DON'T THINK
4 ANYBODY SHOULD DIMINISH THAT ACHIEVEMENT IN ANY WAY, SHAPE OR
5 FORM AND I DON'T MEAN TO DO THAT. I JUST WOULD PREFER THAT WE
6 STAND BY OUR DEPARTMENT HEADS ON THIS. IF IT'S A 5 PERCENT
7 DIFFERENCE ONE WAY OR THE OTHER, THEN ERR ON THE SIDE OF A
8 HIGH ACHIEVER. I KNOW THAT MIKE ANTONOVICH WOULD SET THE BAR
9 HIGH FOR LITTLE MIKE, NOT 5 PERCENT LOWER. HE WOULD WANT 5
10 PERCENT HIGHER. AND I THINK WE SHOULD DO THE SAME FOR OUR
11 ENVIRONMENT. HAVING SAID THAT, WE'LL TAKE THE VOTE AND SEE
12 WHERE IT STANDS AND THEN WE'LL HAVE THE ITEM BEFORE US. THAT'S
13 WHY I WOULD PREFER WE COULD DIVIDE THE QUESTION, WHICH IS
14 PARLIAMENTARY CERTAINLY APPROPRIATE. MADAME CHAIR, I'M NOT
15 GOING TO READ, I'M GOING TO THROW INTO THE HOPPER ONE MORE
16 AMENDMENT, WHICH I HOPE IS NOT CONTROVERSIAL, ALTHOUGH ONE
17 NEVER KNOWS. BUT IT REALLY WOULD INSTRUCT THE SINGLE USE BAG
18 REDUCTION AND RECYCLING PROGRAM WORKGROUP, THE DEVELOPMENTAL
19 AND ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS MESSAGE TO BE IMPRINTED UPON EACH
20 PLASTIC CARRY OUT BAG THAT IS DISTRIBUTED BY LARGE
21 SUPERMARKETS AND RETAIL STORES, DESCRIBING THE NEGATIVE
22 IMPACTS LITTERED PLASTIC CARRY OUT BAGS HAVE ON THE
23 ENVIRONMENT AND WILDLIFE. IN OTHER WORDS, TO UTILIZE THESE, AS
24 LONG AS THESE BAGS ARE GOING TO BE DISTRIBUTED, TO THE EXTENT
25 THAT THEY'RE GOING TO BE DISTRIBUTED AND FOR AS LONG AS THEY



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1 REMAIN TO BE DISTRIBUTED, LET'S PLASTER THEM WITH THE SKULL
2 AND CROSSBONES, FIGURATIVELY SPEAKING, OF WHAT THIS DOES. SO
3 THAT IF WE REALLY WANT TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC, THE PUBLIC WE'RE
4 AFTER, OUR TARGET POPULATION OR THE PEOPLE WHO ARE TAKING
5 THESE BAGS AND WHEN THEY TAKE THEM HOME, IF THEY HAPPEN TO
6 READ THEM AND SAY THAT THIS CAN BE DAMAGING TO MARINE LIFE AND
7 IT'S DAMAGE TO THE ENVIRONMENT, DAMAGE TO THE ECONOMY OF OUR
8 REGION, BECAUSE OF THE SANTA MONICA BAY IMPACT, ALL THAT SORT
9 OF THING, MAYBE THAT IN AND OF ITSELF, I THINK WOULD BE ONE OF
10 THE MOST EFFECTIVE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS. SO THIS INSTRUCTS THE
11 COUNTY COUNSEL AND THE C.E.O. TO WORK TOWARDS ACHIEVING THIS.
12 THEY'D HAVE TO COME BACK TO US WITH THE METHODOLOGY BY WHICH
13 THIS WOULD BE DONE. IF WE NEED STATE LEGISLATION, THIS
14 INSTRUCTS US TO PURSUE STATE LEGISLATION IN AN AMENDMENT TO
15 A.B.2449 TO ACHIEVE THAT LEGISLATION, AS WELL. THAT SUMMARIZES
16 IT. I DIDN'T WANT TO READ THE WHOLE DARN THING.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'LL SECOND.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT IS WHAT IT SAYS. WITH THAT, LET ME JUST
21 THANK EVERYONE THAT'S BEEN A PART OF THIS. NO MATTER WHAT SIDE
22 YOU'RE ON THIS, PEOPLE FEEL STRONGLY ABOUT IT. I ESPECIALLY
23 WANT TO THANK THE CITIZENS WHO DON'T GET PAID TO COME DOWN
24 HERE, WHO DO THIS ON THEIR OWN TIME, AND YOUNG STUDENTS WHO
25 HAVE COME HERE. THEY ALWAYS GET OUR ATTENTION BECAUSE THEY'RE



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1 REAL. THEY'RE UNFETTERED BY YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN HOW TO
2 WATER THEIR RHETORIC DOWN. AND IT'S REALLY GREAT TO HEAR YOUNG
3 STUDENTS SPEAK FROM THE HEART AND FROM THE GUT. THIS IS A BIG
4 DEAL TO THIS COUNTY. IT'S GOT TO BE A BIG DEAL TO THIS COUNTY.
5 THE SANTA MONICA BAY, WHICH AT THE END OF THE DAY IS ONE OF
6 THE TARGETS FOR ALL OF THIS LEGISLATION, NOT THE ONLY TARGET,
7 BUT CERTAINLY FOR OUR COUNTY IT'S ONE OF THE BIG TARGETS, IS A
8 HUGE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSET, BUT IT'S AN EVEN BIGGER ECONOMIC
9 ASSET. AND BOTH, AS LONG AS THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECT OF THAT
10 ASSET IS UNDERMINED, THE ECONOMIC ASPECT IS UNDERMINED, AS
11 WELL. AND WHEN YOU HAVE 50 MILLION PEOPLE A YEAR COMING TO THE
12 BEACHES OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND THE SANTA MONICA BAY, THEY
13 DON'T COME THERE BECAUSE THEY LIKE THE PLASTIC BAGS THAT ARE
14 WASHING UP IN HIGH TIDE. THEY COME THERE BECAUSE THEY LIKE
15 CLEAN WATER, CLEAR BLUE SKIES. AND A SANDWICH AT ONE OF OUR
16 WONDERFUL CAFES ALONG THE BEACH. AND THE MORE WE HAVE THIS
17 CRUD WASHING UP ON OUR BEACH, THE MORE POLLUTED OUR OCEAN IS,
18 THE MORE IT UNDERMINES THAT ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSET.
19 SO THE TWO WORK HAND IN GLOVE. IT'S NOT ECONOMY VERSUS
20 ENVIRONMENT. IT'S THE TWO WORKING HAND IN GLOVE. AND THE MORE
21 WE PROTECT THAT ENVIRONMENT AND THE MORE WE PROMOTE THE
22 ENVIRONMENT IN THE BAY, THE BETTER AN ECONOMIC ASSET IT IS.
23 AND THAT'S WHY I HOPE THAT THE V.I.C.A. AND THE CHAMBER OF
24 COMMERCE AND THE CENTRAL CITY ASSOCIATION AND EVERYBODY WHO
25 COMES WITH THEIR LETTERS, AND THE GROCERS' ASSOCIATION AND



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1 ALL, APPRECIATE THAT ACTUALLY THEIR ECONOMIC INTERESTS ARE
2 ADVANTAGED, NOT DISADVANTAGED BY DOING ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND
3 THINGS, AS ALL OF OUR ECONOMY IS. SO WITH THAT, I AGAIN THANK
4 YOU, MADAME CHAIR, FOR THE WORK YOU AND YOUR STAFF HAVE DONE.
5 CAN'T AGREE ON EVERYTHING, BUT WE'VE COME A WAYS. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ON THE AMENDMENT?

8

9 **SUP. KNABE:** MAYBE I CAN JUST-- I WILL MOVE ITEM 19, WHICH IS
10 OUR RECOMMENDATION WORKING WITH THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS
11 AND COUNTY COUNSEL TO PREPARE AN ORDINANCE FOR THE BOARD
12 CONSISTENT WITH THE STAFF RECOMMENDATION OF ALTERNATIVE 5,
13 WHICH RECOMMENDS THE VOLUNTARY SINGLE USE BAG REDUCTION, AND
14 INCORPORATE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 4 ON THE GREEN SHEET. THE
15 AMENDMENT.

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17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU HAVE AN AMENDMENT.

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19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND I HAVE AN AMENDMENT. I WOULD ASK THAT WE
20 VOTE ON THOSE SEPARATELY, ON THOSE FOUR ITEMS SEPARATELY.

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22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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24 **SUP. MOLINA:** I HAVE TRIED TO UNDERSTAND THIS DEBATE AND THIS
25 DISCUSSION AND I AM AT A TOTAL LOSS. AND MAYBE YOU CAN EXPLAIN



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1 IT TOO MISS BURKE, BECAUSE I REALLY DON'T UNDERSTAND IT. IT IS
2 MY UNDERSTANDING THAT AS THIS WORKGROUP WORKED OUT THESE
3 VARIOUS ALTERNATIVES, IT WAS CONSIDERED BY THE WORKGROUP THAT
4 INSTEAD OF AN OUT-AND-OUT BAN, THAT THEY WOULD CREATE THIS SET
5 OF VOLUNTARY GOALS. AND I THINK THEY ARE VOLUNTARY. IF I'M NOT
6 MISTAKEN. ARE THEY MANDATORY, OR VOLUNTARY?

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THESE WOULD BE MANDATORY.

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10 **SUP. MOLINA:** THESE WOULD BE MANDATORY, IS THAT CORRECT?

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12 **DON WOLFE:** THEY WOULD BE MANDATORY TO THE POINT THAT IF THEY
13 DIDN'T MEET THOSE GOALS, THEN YOUR BOARD WOULD IMPOSE A BAN.
14 IN OTHER WORDS, THERE WOULD BE NO PENALTY, CRIMINAL PENALTY
15 FOR NOT MEETING THE GOALS, BUT THE PENALTY WOULD BE THAT YOUR
16 BOARD WOULD MOVE FORWARD WITH THE COMPLETE BAN ON PLASTIC BAGS
17 IF THEY DON'T MEET THE GOALS.

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19 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND, AGAIN, THE TIMEFRAME IS HOW LONG?

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** 2013, IF IT'S NOT, AND THAT'S WHERE THE
22 DISCUSSION IS--

23

24 **DON WOLFE:** THE 65 OR 70 PERCENT BY 2013.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND YOU'RE GOING TO MEASURE THIS HOW?

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3 **DON WOLFE:** THE ASSEMBLY BILL 2449 BASICALLY REQUIRES THESE
4 RETAIL OPERATIONS TO BE SELF-REPORTING TO THE WASTE BOARD. AND
5 THEY'RE WORKING WITH THE WASTE BOARD NOW TO SET UP HOW THAT
6 INFORMATION WILL BE DELIVERED AND MONITORED. WE WILL SIMPLY
7 USE THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE STATE ON WHAT THEIR
8 COMPLIANCE RATES ARE.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO THAT HASN'T BEEN ESTABLISHED AS YET.

11

12 **DON WOLFE:** NO. WE'LL BE WORKING WITH INDUSTRY, WITH THE WHOLE
13 STAKEHOLDERS, THE WHOLE TASKFORCE TO COME UP WITH THE
14 METHODOLOGY.

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16 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT OBVIOUSLY IN THE WORKGROUP, THE INDUSTRY FELT
17 VERY STRONGLY ABOUT THIS 5 PERCENT TO PROPOSE THEM SO LATE IN
18 THE DISCUSSION. OR THEY WERE PROPOSED DURING THE DISCUSSION.
19 WHAT IS THE NUMBER THAT IS SO INTIMIDATING TO THE INDUSTRY ON
20 THIS, THIS 5 PERCENT?

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22 **DON WOLFE:** WELL, PERSONALLY, MY STAFF AND I TALKED ABOUT THIS,
23 AND WHETHER IT'S 65 OR 70, THE NUMBER IS NOT GOING TO BE EASY.
24 WE THINK THAT 35 OR 35 NUMBER IS KIND OF A GIMME. THAT'S WHEN
25 YOU REALLY HAVE TO START IMPLEMENTING SOME HEAVY DUTY PROGRAMS



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1 AND PROBABLY WOULD ONLY WORK EFFECTIVELY TO GET UP TO 65 OR 70
2 IF THERE'S ACTUALLY A FEE INVOLVED, WHICH GOES BACK TO ANOTHER
3 ONE OF THE MOTIONS THAT WE WERE MAYBE TALKING ABOUT THE OTHER
4 DAY. BUT THEY'RE GOING-- AND IF THEY CAN MAKE 70 PERCENT, THEY
5 CAN PROBABLY MAKE 95 PERCENT. IT JUST SEEMS THAT THEY'RE
6 EITHER GOING TO MAKE THE NUMBER OR THEY'RE GOING TO GO WAY
7 OVER IT.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** SEE, THAT'S WHY I'M TRYING TO UNDERSTAND THIS
10 LOUSY 5 PERCENT THAT THIS BIG DEBATE IS ABOUT. I MEAN I CAME
11 IN HERE LAST WEEK. WE WERE ALL ON-- YOU KNOW, WE HAD WORKED IT
12 OUT. THE DEPARTMENT HAD MADE A RECOMMENDATION, AND WE WERE
13 THERE. AND ALL OF A SUDDEN, TODAY I COME IN AND I FIND OUT
14 THAT THE INDUSTRY HAS MADE A DIFFERENT RECOMMENDATION AND THAT
15 THERE ARE NOW SUPERVISORS WHO ARE WILLING TO MOVE WITH THAT
16 RECOMMENDATION. I WANT TO UNDERSTAND IT. I MEAN YOU JUST SAID
17 WHETHER YOU GET TO 65 OR 70 PERCENT, IT'S GOING TO BE HEAVY
18 DUTY TO GET TO EITHER OF THOSE GOALS. WAS THIS DISCUSSED IN
19 THE WORKING GROUP? WAS THERE A BIG, BIG DISCUSSION BY THE
20 INDUSTRY SAYING "ABSOLUTELY NOT? WE COULD NEVER GET TO, WHAT
21 IS IT, 65?"

22

23 **DON WOLFE:** SEVENTY PERCENT.

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25 **SUP. MOLINA:** SEVENTY PERCENT?



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SPEAKER: IN THE EARLY SUMMER PART WHEN STAFF WAS DIRECTED TO TAKE A LOOK AT THIS TOPIC AND INVESTIGATE THE ISSUE FURTHER, WE REALIZED HOW SIGNIFICANT OF A PROBLEM PLASTIC BAGS ARE ON THE LITTER STREAM. IT REPRESENTS APPROXIMATELY 20 PERCENT OF THE LITTER STREAM. SO WE REALIZE THAT PLASTIC BAG LITTER WAS A SERIOUS PROBLEM FOR THE COUNTY. AND SO WE ATTEMPTED TO COME UP WITH AN ALTERNATIVE THAT WOULD BALANCE AGGRESSIVE GOALS, BUT GOALS THAT CAN BE ACHIEVED. SO WE NEXT TOOK A LOOK AT WHAT IRELAND IS DOING, THE RECYCLING EFFORT AUSTRALIA IS DOING AND OTHER EFFORTS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. SO WE ESTABLISHED BENCHMARKS OF 35 AND 75 PERCENT, FULLY REALIZING THAT THEY ARE ACHIEVABLE. NOW HOW THEY BECOME ACHIEVABLE THROUGH THIS COMPLICATED ALTERNATIVE 5 IS, IT'S GOING TO REQUIRE ALL OF US TO WORK TOGETHER. NOW, IN DETERMINING THE GOALS THEMSELVES, THERE ARE TWO PRINCIPLES INVOLVED, IS THE MORE STORES DROPS THE AMOUNT OF CONSUMPTION, MEANING LESS DOUBLE BAGGING, THAT COUNTS TOWARDS YOUR GOAL, NUMBER ONE. NUMBER TWO IS THE MORE THEY RECYCLE PLASTIC BAGS AT STORES, IT INCREASES THEIR GOAL RATE. SO A COMBINATION OF THOSE TWO PRINCIPLES WILL BE INVOLVED IN ESTABLISHING THE GOALS.

22

SUP. MOLINA: I DON'T REMEMBER ASKING YOU THIS QUESTION, BUT THANK YOU FOR THE INFORMATION. BUT LET ME GET BACK. WHAT DID THE INDUSTRY SAY?



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2 **PAUL ALBA:** IN NOVEMBER THEY DID-- WELL, ONCE WE ESTABLISHED
3 THE GOALS, WE BELIEVE WE STRUCK A RIGHT BALANCE BETWEEN THE
4 ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS AND INDUSTRY.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S NOT WHAT I ASKED.

7

8 **PAUL ALBA:** IN NOVEMBER THEY DID EXPRESS CONCERN THAT THE GOALS
9 WERE TOO AGGRESSIVE.

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11 **SUP. MOLINA:** I WANT TO KNOW WHY THE INDUSTRY IS SO OPPOSED TO
12 THIS 5 PERCENT. WHAT IS SO MAGICAL ABOUT THAT NUMBER? AS IT
13 IS, THIS IS A COMPROMISE THAT WENT IN HERE. IT IS MY
14 UNDERSTANDING THE ADVOCATES FROM HEAL THE BAY ARE NOT HAPPY
15 WITH THIS NUMBER. THEY WEREN'T HAPPY WITH WHATEVER, THE 65.
16 BUT IT WAS A COMPROMISE. I KNOW MY STAFF DISCUSSED IT WITH
17 THEM AND THEY WEREN'T HAPPY WITH THAT OUTCOME. THEY WANTED IT
18 TO BE AN OUT-AND-OUT BAN. SO NOW WE REACH A COMPROMISE
19 RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT. I'M JUST TRYING TO UNDERSTAND
20 WHAT IS IT THAT THE INDUSTRY SAID AND DID DURING THAT
21 WORKGROUP THAT CHANGES THIS 5 PERCENT? SO THAT ALL OF A SUDDEN
22 IT BECAME, OVER THE WEEKEND, IT BECAME A VERY DIFFERENT ANIMAL
23 THAT REQUIRES THIS KIND OF CONTROVERSY. I THINK WE WERE ALL ON
24 THE SAME PAGE LAST WEEK, OR AT LEAST I THOUGHT WE WERE.

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1 **DON WOLFE:** WHAT WE, IN ARRIVING AT THIS, WE'VE LOOKED AT THE
2 PROGRAMS ALL OVER THE WORLD, ALL OVER THE COUNTRY. AND AS I
3 SAID EARLIER, THE 35 PERCENT IS THE EASY ONE. RECYCLING
4 EFFORTS, I BELIEVE, IN AUSTRALIA HAVE REACHED 50 PERCENT AND
5 THAT WAS IT. NO MORE. WHEN YOU START TAKING HUGE STEPS--

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** IS THERE AN INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVE HERE? COULD
8 YOU JOIN ME?

9

10 **DON WOLFE:** SO WHEN YOU TAKE A HUGE STEP LIKE THE QUARTER THAT
11 THE IRELAND DID, ALL OF A SUDDEN YOU JUMP FROM 50 PERCENT YOU
12 GET FROM RECYCLING TO 95 PERCENT. SO YOU CAN MAKE A HUGE JUMP,
13 BUT CREEPING UP TO 65 PERCENT, I DON'T UNDERSTAND THE
14 DIFFERENCE BETWEEN 65 AND 75, IS WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** OBVIOUSLY THE INDUSTRY NEVER RAISED IT DURING THE
17 WORKING GROUP.

18

19 **PAUL ALBA:** THEY DID EXPRESS IT IN WRITING IN NOVEMBER. WE WERE
20 MADE AWARE OF IT.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND WHEN YOU DISCUSSED IT IN THE WORKING GROUP,
23 WHAT WAS THE DYNAMICS OF THAT 5 PERCENT?

24



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1 **PAUL ALBA:** THERE WAS NO CONCRETE REASONS THAT WOULD ALLOW US
2 TO DROP THE BENCHMARK PROVIDED BY INDUSTRY. THEY WOULD JUST
3 LIKE THE BENCHMARK TO BE DROPPED BY 5 PERCENT SO IT CAN BE
4 ACHIEVABLE. THEY DIDN'T GIVE CONCRETE REASONS WHY.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** CAN I ASK YOU THE SAME QUESTION?

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8 **JENNIFER FORKISH:** DEFINITELY. AGAIN, MY NAME IS JENNIFER
9 FORKISH AND I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF THE CALIFORNIA GROCERS'
10 ASSOCIATION. SINCE WE ASKED THE DEPARTMENT STAFF REPEATEDLY
11 FOR SOME SORT OF DATA TO BACK UP WHERE THEY CAME UP WITH THE
12 PERCENTAGES FROM, WE BELIEVE THAT WE WANTED TO WORK WITH THE
13 COUNTY IN ACHIEVING SOME TYPE OF GOAL. AS FRED RUBIN WHO IS
14 ALSO PART OF THE STAFF KNOWS, THE GOAL WAS ALWAYS TO HAVE
15 EVERYBODY AT THE TABLE IN AGREEMENT. AND WE FEEL LIKE THE
16 NUMBERS THAT WERE GIVEN TO US WERE ARBITRARY. WE WERE TOLD
17 THAT THE--

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19 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL THAT'S A DIFFERENT ISSUE. SO THEY'RE
20 ARBITRARY. SO WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE? WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE OF
21 THIS 5 PERCENT?

22

23 **JENNIFER FORKISH:** WHEN THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION REVIEWED
24 THE NUMBERS, THEY FELT THAT 30 PERCENT, AND THIS IS THEIR
25 FEELING, THAT 30 PERCENT WOULD BE A GOAL THAT WOULD ALLOW A



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1 MAXIMUM NUMBER OF RETAILERS TO BUY OFF INTO THE PROGRAM. I'M
2 SORRY I DON'T HAVE A BETTER ANSWER THAN THAT FOR YOU.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** I JUST THINK-- I MEAN, I'M TRYING TO UNDERSTAND
5 WHY I WOULD WANT TO BE SUPPORTING THE INDUSTRY ON A NUMBER
6 THAT ALL OF A SUDDEN POPS UP DURING THE WEEKEND WHEN YOU HAD A
7 WHOLE GROUP OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE INVESTED A WHOLE LOT OF TIME
8 [APPLAUSE.] AND EFFORT TO COME UP WITH A COMPROMISE THAT IS
9 WORKABLE. AND DO YOU KNOW WHAT? I HAVE TO TELL YOU. I HAVE A
10 VERY LARGE UNINCORPORATED AREA. I MEAN, THIS IS NOT GOING TO
11 HAPPEN-- I DON'T KNOW WHERE YOU LIVE. BUT MORE THAN LIKELY YOU
12 DON'T LIVE IN MY UNINCORPORATED AREA.

13

14 **JENNIFER FORKISH:** I LIVE IN ZEV'S DISTRICT.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** OKAY, BUT PROBABLY NOT IN HIS UNINCORPORATED
17 AREA, RIGHT?

18

19 **JENNIFER FORKISH:** NO.

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21 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO KIDDING. WHAT I'M SAYING IS IT HAS A BIG
22 IMPACT ON MY CONSUMERS. AND I THINK THAT MY CONSUMERS, WHILE I
23 THINK THEY WANT TO BE AS GOOD ENVIRONMENTALISTS AS ANYBODY
24 ELSE, AND WE ALL CARE ABOUT OUR ENVIRONMENT, AT THE SAME TIME,
25 WE WANT TO HAVE AN UNDERSTANDING OF-- WE WANT TO GET THE BEST



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1 PRICE POSSIBLE. AND CERTAINLY I DON'T WANT TO BE CHARGING
2 FOLKS A DOLLAR A BAG IF I DON'T HAVE TO. BUT IF IN FACT IT'S A
3 MECHANISM, WHICH WE CAN COME UP WITH A COMPROMISE THAT WORKS
4 WELL, MOST COUNTRIES DON'T-- NOWADAYS THERE'S PLASTIC
5 EVERYWHERE UNFORTUNATELY. BUT BEFORE PEOPLE WOULD TAKE THEIR
6 BASKETS INTO THE MARKET AND COME OUT WITH THEIR GROCERIES. NOW
7 IT'S A WHOLE DIFFERENT KIND OF ENVIRONMENT. BUT I JUST WANT TO
8 UNDERSTAND. WHY IS IT THAT YOU'VE COME UP WITH THIS 5 PERCENT
9 AMENDMENT ALL OF A SUDDEN?

10

11 **JENNIFER FORKISH:** IT WASN'T ALL OF A SUDDEN. THIS IS--

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL OF A SUDDEN.

14

15 **JENNIFER FORKISH:** WELL NO, AS PAUL SAID, IT'S BEEN SINCE
16 NOVEMBER.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL WHEN YOU DISCUSSED IT WITH THE C.E.O. IN
19 THAT WORKING GROUP.

20

21 **JENNIFER FORKISH:** THAT'S PART OF THE FRUSTRATION. THEY DIDN'T
22 TAKE ANY-- THEY WOULDN'T MEET. THERE WAS NO GIVE OR TAKE HERE.
23 WE'VE MADE OUR POSITION CLEAR.

24



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN OUTSIDE OF THE WORKING GROUP?

2 YOU'VE NEVER BEEN PART OF THE WORKING GROUP?

3

4 **JENNIFER FORKISH:** I ABSOLUTELY HAVE BEEN, BUT STAFFERS FROM
5 ELECTED OFFICES MANY TIMES DECIDED NOT TO ATTEND THE WORKING
6 GROUP MEETING IN ORDER TO ALLOW THE WORKING GROUP TO WORK
7 TOGETHER.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** DID YOU ATTEND THE WORKING GROUP?

10

11 **JENNIFER FORKISH:** EVERY SINGLE ONE.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO YOU'RE SAYING THAT WHAT YOU SAID THERE WAS
14 UNACCEPT-- NOBODY ACCEPTED WHAT YOU SAID?

15

16 **JENNIFER FORKISH:** THAT IS WHAT I'M SAYING.

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18 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. WOLFE?

19

20 **DON WOLFE:** WELL, REMEMBER THAT THERE WAS A LOT OF DIFFERENT
21 OPINIONS.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** I KNOW, BUT THERE'S--

24

25 **DON WOLFE:** THE ENVIRONMENTALISTS WANTED A COMPLETE BAN.



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SUP. MOLINA: YOU CAN'T HAVE 90 PERCENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTALISTS CONTROLLING THE AGENDA. I MEAN, OBVIOUSLY THIS WAS-- I UNDERSTOOD IT TO BE A WORKING GROUP. SO THEY WERE GOING TO BE WORKING OUT A COMPROMISE. I TAKE IT WHAT THE INDUSTRY WAS HAVING TO SAY WOULD HAVE BEEN WORTHWHILE. THAT IS WHY I'M TRYING TO UNDERSTAND THIS 5 PERCENT DIFFERENCE. TO ME IT IS NOT ALL THAT DRAMATIC. AND HE JUST STATED THAT TRYING TO ACHIEVE 30, 35 PERCENT IS NOT A PROBLEM. IT'S GETTING TO THE NEXT NUMBER. AND WHY ALL OF A SUDDEN IT'S SO DRAMATIC? I THINK YOU COULD HAVE HAD CONSENSUS ON THIS BOARD. THAT'S WHY I'M TRYING TO UNDERSTAND THIS 5 PERCENT FIGHT THAT WE'RE GOING THROUGH.

14

JENNIFER FORKISH: AND WE FEEL LIKE WE ARE UNDERTAKING A LARGE RISK BY MEETING 30 PERCENT. I KNOW THAT THE DEPARTMENT FEELS DIFFERENTLY THAT 35 PERCENT WOULD BE VERY EASY TO REACH. BUT WE FEEL LIKE 30 PERCENT IS A LOFTY GOAL. THIS PROGRAM HAS NEVER BEEN DONE ANYWHERE IN THE COUNTRY. IT'S THE FIRST OF ITS KIND.

21

SUP. MOLINA: YOU KNOW, THE PROBLEM IS YOU HAVE TO ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT WE'RE NOT THE FIRST COUNTY AND WE'RE NOT THE FIRST LEGAL JURISDICTION THAT'S UNDERTAKEN IT. SAN FRANCISCO IS DOING IT. [APPLAUSE.]



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2 **JENNIFER FORKISH:** YES, BUT SAN FRANCISCO--

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** THE DIFFERENCE IS WHAT?

5

6 **JENNIFER FORKISH:** THE DIFFERENCE IS, SAN FRANCISCO ACTUALLY
7 HAS INDUSTRIAL COMPOSTING ABILITIES TO DEAL WITH REPLACEMENT
8 PRODUCTS WHICH LOS ANGELES COUNTY DOES NOT HAVE.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND. SO YOU CAN TRANSFER TO
11 BIODEGRADABLE INSTANTANEOUSLY. YOU JUST CAN'T DO IT, RIGHT? SO
12 THAT YOU WOULD ACCEPT THE BAN THE MINUTE THERE'S COMPOSTING
13 AVAILABLE? IS THAT WHAT YOU'RE SAYING?

14

15 **JENNIFER FORKISH:** NO, THAT'S ACTUALLY NOT WHAT I'M SAYING.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** I JUST WANT TO UNDERSTAND IT, BECAUSE YOU SAID
18 IT'S NEVER BEEN DONE AND SAN FRANCISCO IS DOING IT TODAY.

19

20 **JENNIFER FORKISH:** ACTUALLY, IF I COULD ANSWER THE QUESTION.
21 MANY RETAILERS HAVE HAD TROUBLE PROCURING THE NUMBER OF
22 BIODEGRADABLE COMPOSTABLE BAGS, SO SOME HAVE BEEN FORCED TO
23 USE PAPER. ARE WE GOING TO ALLOW COMMENT FROM BEHIND?

24



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAME CHAIR? YOU NEED TO BE RESPECTFUL OF
2 PEOPLE EVEN IF YOU DON'T AGREE WITH THEM AND LET THEM BE
3 HEARD.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I THOUGHT WE HAD THAT UNDERSTANDING, BUT I
6 THINK IT'S FALLEN APART. SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: APPARENTLY SOME
7 HAVE FORGOTTEN.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO LET ME JUST UNDERSTAND, BECAUSE YOU SAID SO, I
10 DIDN'T SAY THAT, BUT YOU SAID IT WOULD BE EASIER IF IN FACT WE
11 HAD THE COMPOSTING CAPABILITY. BUT YOU WOULD ACCEPT-- YOU
12 WOULDN'T ACCEPT A BAN THEN, RIGHT? SO UNDER THIS, YOUR OWN
13 AMENDMENT AS YOU HAVE PROPOSED, IF YOU DO NOT REACH 65, THEN
14 YOU ARE GOING TO BE FORCED TO GO INTO A BAN.

15

16 **JENNIFER FORKISH:** THAT IS A RISK WE ARE WILLING TO TAKE.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** FOR 5 PERCENT?

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THE BAN'S GOING TO GO INTO EFFECT WHETHER
21 IT'S 65 OR 70.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE:** AS IT IS, BETWEEN ALTERNATIVE 4 AND 5. ALTERNATIVE
24 4 DIDN'T INCLUDE THE OUTRIGHT BAN. THE TRADEOFF OF THE 5
25 PERCENT WAS AN OUTRIGHT BAN.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT'S JUST A MATTER OF AT WHAT POINT IT
3 GOES. SO, YOU KNOW, IF THEY DON'T REACH THE 65 OR THE 70
4 DEPENDING ON THE NUMBER, THE BAN IS IN.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND, MISS BURKE. I JUST WANT TO
7 UNDERSTAND--

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THEY GET AN EXTRA YEAR TOO.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND. I JUST WANT TO UNDERSTAND THE
12 DYNAMICS OF WHAT HAPPENED HERE, HOW THIS FELL APART. BECAUSE
13 LAST WEEK WHEN I WAS BRIEFED ON THIS, WE WERE ALL DOING
14 KUMBAYA. WE HAD AGREED TO A COMPROMISE. IT WASN'T THE BEST IN
15 THE WORLD. HEAL THE BAY WAS NOT HAPPY WITH THE NUMBER. BUT AT
16 THE SAME TIME, THEY WERE WILLING TO LIVE WITH IT. AND NOW, I
17 MEAN, I DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THIS.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THURSDAY I MET WITH THEM AND EVERYBODY
20 AGREED. AND I DIDN'T FIND OUT THAT IT FELL APART UNTIL FRIDAY.
21 IN MY CONFERENCE ROOM, THEY SAT THERE AND EVERYONE SITTING IN
22 THAT CONFERENCE ROOM, WHICH REPRESENTED ALL THE ORGANIZATIONS,
23 AGREED.

24

25 **SUP. MOLINA:** AGREED TO WHAT?



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AGREED TO THIS AMENDMENT, 65.

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** SIXTY-FIVE AND 30. I'M READING THE AMENDMENT.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL WAIT A MINUTE, BUT THE WORKING GROUP AGREED
7 TO-- AND THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE AND THE DEPARTMENT, THEY ARE THE
8 ONES THAT WERE THE WORKING GROUP, NOT YOUR PEOPLE IN YOUR
9 CONFERENCE ROOM.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THAT'S RIGHT, THAT'S TRUE. BUT THERE WAS A
12 TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF OPPOSITION. AND WE WERE TRYING TO SOLVE
13 THOSE ISSUES. AND IT WAS VERY CLEAR EXACTLY HOW IT COULD BE
14 SOLVED IN TERMS OF HOW IT WOULD BE ABLE TO GET THE SUPPORT OF
15 THE INDUSTRY.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHAT ARE THEY GOING TO DO IF THEY DON'T SUPPORT
18 US, MISS BURKE? WHAT ARE THEY GOING TO DO, WALK AWAY?

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL, FIRST OF ALL YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO
21 HAVE TO HAVE ACCESS TO THEIR INFORMATION.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHICH IS WHY I'M ASKING THE QUESTION ABOUT HOW
24 THIS IS GOING TO BE DONE. THAT HASN'T BEEN EVEN BEEN
25 DEVELOPED. THE ISSUE IS, IS THAT SOME OF US IN THE



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1 UNINCORPORATED AREA THAT HAVE SOME OF THESE BIG MARKETS AND
2 WATCH PLASTIC ALL OVER THE PLACE PARTICULARLY ALONG THE L.A.
3 RIVER AND OTHER AREAS, I'M JUST CONCERNED WHY IT CAN'T BE A
4 MUCH MORE COOPERATIVE APPROACH AND WHY THIS 5 PERCENT IS EVEN
5 CREATING DIVISION HERE. I'M TROUBLED BY IT FROM THE DEPARTMENT
6 THAT MADE A RECOMMENDATION, FROM PEOPLE THAT SAT TOGETHER AND
7 WORKED ON THIS AND ALL OF A SUDDEN IT FELL APART OVER A
8 WEEKEND?

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT DIDN'T FALL APART OVER THE WEEKEND. THIS
11 WEEKEND THING, I DON'T KNOW WHERE THIS IS COMING FROM. BECAUSE
12 IN NOVEMBER, THE ISSUE AROSE OVER THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN-- ON
13 THE 5 PERCENT. THAT CAME UP IN NOVEMBER. IN DECEMBER, EVERYONE
14 WAS TRYING TO ARRIVE AT SOME KIND OF AN AGREEMENT. WHERE WE
15 WERE IN JANUARY WAS THAT IT WAS CLEAR THAT THE ONLY WAY WE
16 WOULD GET NOT ONLY THE GROCERS, BUT ALL OF THE OTHERS THE
17 PLASTICS, ALL OF THESE PEOPLE TO COME IN, WAS IF WE HAD THE
18 NUMBERS THAT ARE NOW BEING PROPOSED IN THIS AMENDMENT. BUT
19 HEAL THE BAY WAS NOT-- DID NOT AGREE TO THAT. THAT IS THE
20 REASON THAT I MET WITH THEM LAST THURSDAY TO SEE IF THERE WAS
21 SOME WAY FOR US TO COME FORWARD AND TO VOTE ON THIS TODAY. AND
22 AT THAT POINT, I WAS ADVISED BY THE PEOPLE WHO SAT IN MY
23 CONFERENCE ROOM, WHO SAID THEY REPRESENTED HEAL THE BAY AND
24 WHO SAID THEY REPRESENTED ALL OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS, THAT



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1 THEY FELT THAT THEY COULD MOVE FORWARD AND THAT WE WANTED TO
2 MOVE FORWARD WITH THE NUMBERS.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** TRADEOFF BEING THE OUTRIGHT BAN.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** COULD I ASK WHILE THERE'S A HIATUS HERE,
7 WHAT IS MORE IMPORTANT TO YOUR ASSOCIATION: THE REDUCTION IN
8 THE PERCENTAGES OR THE EXTENSION OF TIME?

9

10 **JENNIFER FORKISH:** WE'RE NOT PRIORITIZING EITHER ONE. THEY ARE
11 EQUALLY IMPORTANT.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THEY ARE EQUALLY IMPORTANT.

14

15 **JENNIFER FORKISH:** YES.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN YOU EXPLAIN WHY?

18

19 **JENNIFER FORKISH:** BECAUSE SEPARATELY THEY BOTH HAVE THEIR
20 IMPORTANT VALUE TO US. YOU CAN KEEP GOING AROUND.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M JUST TRYING TO UNDERSTAND. IF THERE WAS
23 A REDUCTION IN THE THRESHOLD BUT NO EXTENSION OF THE TIME, WHY
24 WOULDN'T YOU BE ABLE TO LIVE WITH THAT?

25



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1 **JENNIFER FORKISH:** BECAUSE THE ISSUE THERE IS THAT IF THE BAN
2 LANGUAGE IS BEING DRAFTED A FULL YEAR BEFORE THE PROGRAM GOALS
3 ARE EVEN BEING ASSESSED, IT ACTS AS A DISINCENTIVE FOR
4 PARTICIPATION IF WE FEEL LIKE-- IF INDUSTRY FEELS LIKE NO
5 MATTER HOW FAR THEY GO OR NO MATTER WHAT GOALS THEY REACH, IF
6 THE LANGUAGE TO BAN THE BAGS HAS ALREADY BEEN DRAFTED. AND
7 WE'VE BEEN WILLING TO COMPROMISE ON THAT. WE'RE SAYING YOU CAN
8 GO AHEAD. OBVIOUSLY YOU HAVE YOUR PREROGATIVE TO GO AND DO
9 THAT. WE'RE WILLING TO WORK WITH YOU. PERSONALLY I DON'T
10 UNDERSTAND WHAT THE BIG DIVISION IS, EITHER. WE WANT TO WORK
11 TOGETHER. WE HAVE BEEN VERY CLEAR FROM THE OUTSET ABOUT WHERE
12 WE STOOD. THE OTHER SIDE OF THE TABLE HAD THEIR TERMS AND WE
13 HAD OURS. I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY OUR TERMS NOT BEING HEARD IS
14 EQUIVALENT TO US THROWING A WRENCH INTO IT IN THE LAST MINUTE
15 WHEN WE'VE BEEN CLEAR THE WHOLE TIME.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, THAT'S YOUR PERCEPTION. BUT I WANT TO
18 GET BACK TO WHY IS THE LACK OF AN EXTENSION OF TIME A PROBLEM?

19

20 **JENNIFER FORKISH:** BECAUSE UNDER THE PROPOSAL, THE GOALS ARE
21 SUPPOSED TO BE ASSESSED, I FORGET IF IT'S APRIL OR JULY OF
22 2010. AND AS IT'S PROPOSED NOW--

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THE BILL'S SUPPOSED TO BE PASSED IN JULY.

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1 **JENNIFER FORKISH:** IT WOULD BE JULY. AND SO AS IT'S PROPOSED
2 NOW, THE PROGRAM WOULD BE ASSESSED-- NOT EVEN ASSESSED.
3 LANGUAGE BANNING PLASTIC BAGS WOULD BE DRAFTED ONE FULL YEAR
4 BEFORE THE PROGRAM'S ASSESSMENT OF THAT 30, 35 PERCENT NO
5 MATTER WHAT THE ASSESSMENT IS. SO WE FEEL LIKE IT SENDS A
6 MIXED MESSAGE.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHY IS THAT? IS THAT YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF
9 IT?

10

11 **DON WOLFE:** YES, SUPERVISOR.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY, SO WHAT'S YOUR RESPONSE TO HER?

14

15 **DON WOLFE:** CURRENTLY, AS I RECALL, THE WAY IT'S WRITTEN IN
16 ALTERNATIVE 5, COUNTY COUNSEL WOULD WRITE THE ORDINANCE AND
17 THAT WOULD BE DUE JULY OF 2009. AND UNDER THE AMENDMENT, IT
18 WOULD BE EXTENDED OUT TO JULY OF 2010, WHICH IS THE DATE THAT
19 THE ASSESSMENT OF THEIR--

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** APRIL.

22

23 **DON WOLFE:** OF 2010.

24

25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO THAT'S UNDER ALTERNATIVE 5.



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2 **DON WOLFE:** THAT'S UNDER THE AMENDMENT TO ALTERNATIVE 5. IT
3 WOULD BE EXTENDED OUT TO APRIL 2010.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MY QUESTION WAS, WHAT IS YOUR RESPONSE TO
6 HER CRITICISM OF ALTERNATIVE 5, WHICH SAID YOU'RE GOING TO
7 HAVE THE BAN LANGUAGE DRAFTED A FULL YEAR BEFORE THE GOALS ARE
8 EVALUATED?

9

10 **DON WOLFE:** WE JUST THOUGHT IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT COUNTY
11 COUNSEL BE WORKING ON IT BECAUSE THIS WILL NOT BE AN EASY
12 ORDINANCE TO DRAFT BECAUSE OF ALL OF THE PLAYERS, AND WE
13 WANTED INPUT FROM ALL THE STAKEHOLDERS.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU WOULDN'T PULL THE TRIGGER ON THE BAN.

16

17 **DON WOLFE:** WE WOULDN'T PULL THE THE TRIGGER ON THE ORDINANCE,
18 IF THEY WERE MEETING GOALS.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHEN WOULD THE TRIGGER BE PULLED ON THE
21 ORDINANCE UNDER ALTERNATIVE 5?

22

23 **DON WOLFE:** WHEN WE FIRST DETERMINED THAT THEY HAD NOT MEET THE
24 GOAL IN JULY OF 2010 AND WE ALSO DETERMINED THAT THERE SHOULD



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1 BE NO EXTENSION OF TIME BECAUSE THEY HAD NOT DONE ALL THE
2 THINGS THAT THEY WERE COMMITTED TO DOING.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO JULY 2010, IS THAT IN THE ALTERNATIVE 5?
5 OR IS THAT IN THE AMENDMENT TO ALTERNATIVE 5?

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THE AMENDMENT GOES TO APRIL OF 2010, THAT
8 THE ORDINANCE WOULD BE CIRCULATED TO THE PUBLIC. AND I THINK
9 THAT WHAT WE JUST TALKED ABOUT WAS THAT CERTAINLY THE
10 ORDINANCE COULD BE PREPARED A YEAR BEFORE. I THINK THAT THE
11 ORDINANCE COULD BE PREPARED A YEAR BEFORE. BUT THE IDEA OF
12 CIRCULATING IT TO THE PUBLIC, IT SHOULD BE CLOSER TO THE TIME
13 YOU DO YOUR EVALUATION.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND THAT EVALUATION WAS GOING TO BE DONE
16 WHEN, UNDER ALTERNATIVE 5? WHEN WOULD IT BE DONE?

17

18 **DON WOLFE:** THE FIRST EVALUATION WOULD BE DONE IN JULY OF 2010.
19 AND THE PURPOSE, THE IDEA WAS, IF THE INDUSTRY DOESN'T MEET
20 THE MARK AND THERE'S NO REASON TO GIVE THEM ANY KIND OF A
21 LEEWAY WITH EXTENSION BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF EFFORT, THEN AT
22 THAT POINT WE'D BE READY TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE ORDINANCE.
23 OTHERWISE, IF WE WAITED TO DRAFT IT AT THAT POINT, WE'VE GOT
24 THE C.E.Q.A. ISSUES, WE'VE GOT THE HEARINGS AND EVERYTHING, IT
25 COULD BE A YEAR OR TWO OUT BEFORE WE GOT THE ORDINANCE IN



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1 PLACE. SO WE WERE BASICALLY WANTED TO BE AHEAD OF THE GAME, IN
2 THE EVENT THAT THE INDUSTRY DID NOT MAKE THE EFFORT NECESSARY
3 TO HIT THE 35 PERCENT OR 30 PERCENT.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT DOES THE AMENDMENT DO, THAT'S ON THE
6 DESK NOW? WHAT DOES THAT AMENDMENT DO IN MATERIALS OF THE
7 TIMING OF ALL THIS?

8

9 **DON WOLFE:** THAT EXTENDS COUNTY COUNSEL'S WRITING OF THE
10 ORDINANCE OUT TO APPROXIMATELY A YEAR, OUT TO APRIL OF 2010.

11

12 **PAUL ALBA:** THAT'S CORRECT. THE QUESTION HERE IS HOW FAR AHEAD
13 OF THE GAME DO YOU WANT TO BE? IN DRAFTING AND GETTING THE
14 ORDINANCE APPROVED, THERE'S GOING TO BE A COMPLICATED C.E.Q.A.
15 PROCESS. AND SO WE HAD INSTITUTED IN APRIL 1ST, 2009 TIMEFRAME
16 TO GUIDE COUNTY COUNSEL TO MAKE SURE EVERYONE UNDERSTANDS THAT
17 THE COUNTY IS SERIOUS ABOUT MOVING THE ORDINANCE THROUGH AND
18 HAVING IT IN PLACE WELL BEFORE THE AUTOMATIC BAN KICKS IN, IF
19 IT'S NECESSARY.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND THE AUTOMATIC BAN WOULD KICK IN

22

23 **PAUL ALBA:** JULY 1ST, 2010.

24

25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** JULY 1ST, 2010.



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2 **DON WOLFE:** IF THE GOAL IS NOT MET.

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4 **PAUL ALBA:** IF THE GOAL IS NOT MET.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO WHY WOULDN'T YOU-- I MEAN IT SOUNDS TO ME
7 LIKE YOU KNOW SOMEBODY IN YOUR SHOP, IF YOU DON'T KNOW,
8 SOMEBODY IN YOUR SHOP, YOUR LAWYERS KNOW THAT THE C.E.Q.A.
9 PROCESS IS GOING TO BE--

10

11 **JENNIFER FORKISH:** ACTUALLY, THAT'S NOT THE MOTIVATION AT ALL.
12 TRULY, AND SOME OF THE OTHER SUPERVISORS HAVE STATED TODAY,
13 THIS IS NOT THE FIRST JURISDICTION TO CONSIDER A PLASTIC BAG
14 BAN. SO THE IDEA THAT THE LANGUAGE DOESN'T EXIST OR THAT IT
15 WOULD TAKE SO LONG TO CREATE, OR A YEAR TO CREATE, SEEMS
16 OUTLANDISH.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ANSWER THE QUESTION.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU HAVEN'T BEEN AROUND THE COUNTY MUCH.

21 [LAUGHTER.]

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT IS YOUR OBJECTION TO HAVING A-- HAVING
24 THEM GET UP AND RUNNING AND BE PREPARED TO CREDIBLY ENFORCE



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1 THE BAN ONCE THE-- IN JULY OF 2010, ONCE THE ASSESSMENT HAS
2 BEEN DONE?

3

4 **JENNIFER FORKISH:** RIGHT, AND I UNDERSTAND THE QUESTION. I
5 THINK THAT IT'S A MATTER OF GOOD FAITH EFFORTS. WE FEEL LIKE
6 WE'RE WILLING TO STEP UP TO THE PLATE, DO EVERYTHING IN
7 ALTERNATIVE 5, LET ME FINISH, PLEASE, THAT'S BEEN ASKED. AND
8 WE FEEL WE WANT TO KNOW THE COUNTY IS COMMITTED TO SEEING
9 THROUGH THIS PROCESS ALONG WITH US. AND WE FEEL LIKE, TO SHOW
10 A GOOD FAITH EFFORT, THAT THE COUNTY CAN-- IT SHOULDN'T TAKE A
11 YEAR TO DRAFT THAT ORDINANCE.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT'S NOT ABOUT THE COUNTY DRAFTING THE
14 ORDINANCE. YOU UNDERSTAND THAT THE ISSUE IS THE THINGS THAT
15 ARE OUTSIDE THE COUNTY'S CONTROL.

16

17 **JENNIFER FORKISH:** THE C.E.Q.A. PROCESS, I UNDERSTAND.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND THE COUNTY WOULD COMMIT, AND IS
20 COMMITTED, UNDER THE ORIGINAL ALTERNATIVE 5, NOT TO IMPLEMENT
21 THE BAN UNTIL THE FINDING WAS MADE THAT YOU HADN'T MET THE
22 THRESHOLD. SO I THINK YOU'RE JUST TRYING TO BUY ANOTHER YEAR.
23 WHAT I'M TRYING TO FIGURE OUT IF THERE'S A COMPROMISE WITHIN
24 THE COMPROMISE HERE. AND I'M NOT SURE YOU'RE AUTHORIZED-- I



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1 THINK YOU SHOULD LEAVE IT AT JULY 2010. MAKE IT OCTOBER 1ST,
2 IF YOU WANT ANOTHER THREE MONTHS DURING THE SUMMER THERE.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** BUT WHEN SHOULD THEY DRAFT THE ORDINANCE?
5 BECAUSE WE-- WAIT A MINUTE. JULY IS HERE AND NOBODY'S
6 QUESTIONING IT. THAT'S THE DATE.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** LET THEM DRAFT IT WHEN THEY WERE PLANNING TO
9 DRAFT IT. AS LONG AS IT DOESN'T GO INTO EFFECT, YVONNE, IT
10 WILL BE UP TO US TO APPROVE THE ORDINANCE. GLORIA'S RIGHT.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** BUT IT'S NOT THEM JUST DRAFTING IT. IT'S
13 RELEASING IT TO THE PUBLIC.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** RIGHT, AND IT'S GETTING-- IF THERE'S A
16 C.E.Q.A. ISSUE, IT'S RUNNING THAT GAMUT. SO LET IT RIDE. LET
17 THAT PART OF IT GO THE WAY IT WAS ORIGINALLY PROVIDED FOR IN
18 ALTERNATIVE 5 WITH THEIR REDUCED-- IF THE REDUCED PERCENTAGE
19 IS WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO DO, THEN FINE.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** HOW CAN YOU DRAFT AN ORDINANCE A YEAR IN ADVANCE
22 WITHOUT THE PROPER ASSESSMENT? YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE THE NUMBERS
23 IN FRONT OF YOU?

24

25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BECAUSE WHAT YOU TELL PEOPLE IS THAT IT'S--



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** MAKE IT UP?

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO. YOU DON'T MAKE IT UP. THE ORDINANCE DOES
5 NOT HAVE NUMBERS IN IT, AS I UNDERSTAND IT. THE ORDINANCE
6 WOULD JUST BE A BAN, AND WHAT YOU'RE DOING IS-- LET ME FINISH.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** BUT IT WOULD BE THAT YOU HAD NOT MET THOSE
9 NUMBERS.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES. AND WHAT YOU WOULD BE DOING IS DRAFTING
12 AN ORDINANCE THAT WOULD BE PREPARATORY TO-- IN ANTICIPATION
13 THAT THEY WOULDN'T PASS, THAT THEY WOULDN'T MEET IT. IF THEY
14 DO MEET IT, THEN ALL IT'S DONE IS COST US A FEW HOURS OF LEGAL
15 WORK AND SOME PAPER. IF THEY DON'T, AT LEAST WE HAVEN'T COST
16 OURSELVES A YEAR. I DON'T SEE THE--

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THEM WORKING ON DRAFTING THE ORDINANCE, I
19 CERTAINLY WOULD SUPPORT THEM STARTING A YEAR TO DRAFT THE
20 ORDINANCE. BUT I DO THINK TO PUT IN THE NUMBERS AND TO ALLEGE
21 THAT IT HAS NOT BEEN MET, THAT THAT SHOULD BE BLANK UNTIL AT
22 LEAST SOME REASONABLE TIME WHEN YOU CAN MAKE SOME KIND OF
23 ASSESSMENT.

24



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT NUMBERS WOULD BE IN THE ORDINANCE?

2 MAYBE I'M MISUNDERSTANDING.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THAT THEY HAVE NOT MET THE NUMBER THAT IS
5 REQUIRED.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT THERE WOULD BE NO NUMBER.

8

9 **DON WOLFE:** WELL AGAIN, WORK WITH THE STAKEHOLDERS TO DEVELOP
10 THAT ORDINANCE ALONG WITH COUNTY COUNSEL. BUT YOU COULD HAVE
11 PROVISIONS IN THE ORDINANCE THAT ALLOWED FOR THE USE OF
12 PLASTIC BAGS WITH A PENALTY. OR THERE'S A LOT OF NUANCES THAT
13 YOU COULD HAVE THRESHOLDS IN. THOSE ARE DECISIONS THAT THE
14 COUNTY HAS TO MAKE. AND THAT'S WHY IT WILL TAKE A WHILE FOR
15 US, WORKING WITH THE STAKEHOLDERS, TO COME UP WITH A FAIR AND
16 EQUITABLE BANNING ORDINANCE. THERE'S A LOT ABOUT--

17

18 **JENNIFER FORKISH:** IT HASN'T BEEN FAIR AND EQUITABLE SO FAR.

19

20 **DON WOLFE:** SUPERVISORS, THE NUMBERS WON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO
21 WITH WHAT THEY HIT IN THEIR THRESHOLD. IF THEY DON'T MAKE THE
22 THRESHOLD AT THAT POINT, WE WOULD NEED TO HAVE AN ORDINANCE TO
23 GO INTO EFFECT BANNING THE BAGS.

24



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1 **SUP. KNABE:** IT WILL HAVE SOMETHING TO DO, BECAUSE IN ESSENCE
2 THE PURPOSE OF THE ORDINANCE IS FOR THE BAN. CORRECT?

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I THINK THERE'S ONE OR TWO DIFFERENT
5 THINGS. THERE'S ONE THING FOR THEM PREPARING THE LANGUAGE.
6 IT'S ANOTHER THING TO RELEASE AN ORDINANCE TO THE PUBLIC THAT
7 IT'S BEING INTRODUCED. AND I THINK THAT THAT'S THE WHOLE
8 ISSUE, THAT IT'S ONE THING IS DRAFTING IT. SO THEY COULD DRAFT
9 IT A YEAR AHEAD. BUT AS FAR AS INTRODUCING THE ORDINANCE, IT
10 WOULD SEEM THAT YOU WOULD NOT INTRODUCE IT A YEAR BEFORE YOU
11 HAVE THE NUMBERS.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO, YOU WOULDN'T INTRODUCE IT HERE.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** UNTIL APRIL 2010.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU WOULDN'T INTRODUCE IT FOR OUR
18 CONSIDERATION UNTIL WE WERE READY, UNTIL WE HAD--

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** APRIL 2010.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES, CORRECT.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IF WE COULD CLARIFY THAT, THEN. THEY COULD
25 PREPARE IT A YEAR AHEAD.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ABSOLUTELY.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** BUT IT WOULD NOT BE INTRODUCED UNTIL APRIL
5 OF 2010.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHEN YOU SAY INTRODUCED, DO YOU MEAN
8 SUBMITTED TO US FOR A VOTE?

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THAT'S RIGHT. NOT FOR A VOTE, BUT FOR THEM
11 TO--

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE BOARD OF
14 SUPERVISORS?

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DIRECTING THEM TO MAKE THE CALCULATIONS AND
17 TO COME BACK FOR A VOTE.

18

19 **DON WOLFE:** THE ORDINANCE WOULDN'T BE SUBMITTED TO YOUR BOARD
20 FOR A VOTE UNTIL WE DETERMINED THAT THEY WERE NOT IN
21 COMPLIANCE WITH THE REDUCTIONS.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** EXACTLY.

24

25 **DON WOLFE:** THRESHOLDS.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT YOU WOULD DRAFT THE ORDINANCE. LET THEM
3 SEE IT. LET THEM COMMENT ON IT SO THAT THEY HAVE FULL--
4 EVERYBODY WOULD HAVE INPUT. IT'S NOT-- IT WOULD BE DONE AS A
5 PLACEHOLDER IN THE EVENT THEY DIDN'T MAKE IT. IF THEY DID MAKE
6 IT, IT WOULD NEVER GET TO US. BUT IT'LL NEVER GET APPROVED, IT
7 NEVER GETS ENACTED INTO LAW UNTIL IT COMES HERE. AND THAT
8 WOULDN'T BE HERE UNTIL THE APRIL 10TH DATE.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE:** BUT YOU CAN'T DO THE C.E.Q.A. STUFF PRIOR TO
11 COMING TO US, CORRECT?

12

13 **DON WOLFE:** THAT'S CORRECT.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE DIFFERENCE IS. IF YOU CAN'T
16 PROCEED WITH THE C.E.Q.A. PROCESS BEFORE IT COMES TO US, THEN
17 AT LEAST IT'S OKAY--

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AT LEAST YOU'VE TAKEN CARE OF THE DRAFTING
20 PIECE OF IT, THAT'S ALL.

21

22 **DON WOLFE:** WE WOULD TAKE CARE OF THE DRAFT, AND WE WOULD ALSO
23 HAVE LOTS OF INPUT FROM ALL THE STAKEHOLDERS.

24



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND POSSIBLY AVOID A C.E.Q.A. ISSUE ALONG
2 THE WAY.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** BUT IT'S UNDERSTOOD IT WOULD NOT COME TO
5 THE BOARD UNTIL APRIL 10TH, 2010.

6

7 **DON WOLFE:** IT WOULD BE AFTER THAT, SUPERVISOR.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT WOULD BE AFTER APRIL 10TH, APRIL 2010?

10

11 **DON WOLFE:** YES, BECAUSE WE WOULDN'T BE REVIEWING THEIR
12 COMPLIANCE UNTIL JULY.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** OF 2010?

15

16 **DON WOLFE:** OF 2010.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS THAT UNDERSTOOD?

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK I UNDERSTAND IT.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE:** EXPLAIN TO ME THE DIFFERENCE. BETWEEN WHAT THEY'RE
23 TALKING ABOUT AND WHAT WE HAVE BEFORE US IN THE AMENDMENT. THE
24 AMENDMENT IS FINE.

25



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THE IMPRESSION WAS THAT THE ORDINANCE WOULD
2 GO OUT A YEAR BEFORE. BUT HERE, WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT IS
3 SIMPLY THAT THE WORDING WOULD START BEING PUT TOGETHER, BUT
4 THAT ACTUALLY THE NUMBERS, AND IT'S SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD,
5 WILL REALLY NOT BE UNTIL JULY BECAUSE THAT WILL BE THE TIME.
6 AND YOU CAN'T START THE C.E.Q.A. UNTIL YOU HAVE THE NUMBERS,
7 IS THAT CORRECT?

8

9 **DON WOLFE:** THAT WOULD BE CORRECT.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS THAT THE UNDERSTANDING?

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I JUST WANT TO READ THE ACTUAL LANGUAGE. I'M
14 READING OFF THE GREEN SHEET HERE. CHANGE THE COMPLETION DATE
15 OF THE DRAFT ORDINANCE BANNING PLASTIC BAGS FROM APRIL 1ST,
16 2009 TO APRIL 1ST 2010. WAS THE ALTERNATIVE 5'S COMPLETION
17 DATE APRIL 1ST, 2009?

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** RIGHT.

20

21 **SPEAKER:** ALTERNATIVE 5 PROVIDES A FRAMEWORK FOR DEVELOPING A
22 PROGRAM TO ACHIEVE THE GOALS OF 35 PERCENT BY JULY 1ST, 2010
23 AND 70 PERCENT BY JULY 1ST 2013. THE INTENT OF HAVING THE
24 ORDINANCE WELL IN ADVANCE IS TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE COVERED
25 THE C.E.Q.A. ISSUES WELL AHEAD, MAKE SURE THAT WE COVER ALL



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1 THE STAKEHOLDER COMMENTS AND HAVE THE ORDINANCE TO YOU AS
2 CLOSE AS POSSIBLE TO JULY 1ST, 2010 IN THE EVENT THAT IT LOOKS
3 LIKE THEY ARE NOT GOING TO BE IN COMPLIANCE.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I UNDERSTAND. ON THE THIRD ITEM OF THE
6 ANTONOVICH/KNABE MOTION, WHAT IS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE APRIL
7 1ST, 2009 DATE?

8

9 **PAUL ALBA:** THE SIGNIFICANCE IS HOW LONG SHOULD WE DELAY IN
10 PREPARING THE ORDINANCE? SHOULD WE GET OFF AND RUNNING, START
11 PREPARING THE ORDINANCE NOW? GOING THROUGH THE C.E.Q.A.
12 PROCESS? OR SHOULD WE TAKE A MORE CAUTIONED APPROACH AND START
13 MAYBE SAY NEXT YEAR?

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** UNDER YOUR-- THE WAY I READ THEIR MOTION, IT
16 IMPLIES THAT YOUR RECOMMENDATION, ALTERNATIVE 5, WOULD BE THAT
17 THE DRAFT ORDINANCE BANNING PLASTIC BAGS WOULD BE COMPLETED BY
18 APRIL 1ST OF 2009, IS THAT YOUR--

19

20 **DON WOLFE:** YES.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS IT THE DRAFT ORDINANCE?

23

24 **SPEAKER:** YES.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO THAT WOULD BE THE DRAFT OF THE ORDINANCE.

2 AND THEN WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH IT AFTER APRIL 1ST OF 2009?

3

4 **SPEAKER:** UNDERGO THE C.E.Q.A. PROCESS. IN CONSULTATION WITH
5 COUNTY COUNSEL.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND WHEN WOULD YOU INVOLVE THE STAKEHOLDERS?
8 AFTER APRIL 1ST, 2009?

9

10 **DON WOLFE:** IT WOULD BE OUR INTENT TO INVOLVE THE STAKEHOLDERS
11 IN THE DRAFTING OF THE LANGUAGE. AND THAT WOULD BE ALL THE
12 STAKEHOLDERS. GET THEIR INPUT TO OUR RECOMMENDATIONS.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO THE C.E.Q.A. PROCESS, WHAT IS INVOLVED IN
15 THE C.E.Q.A. PROCESS ON SOMETHING LIKE THIS? IS IT A NEGATIVE
16 DECLARATION? YOU'RE NOT GOING TO HAVE TO DO A FULL
17 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ON THIS. MR. WEISS?

18

19 **RAY FORTNER, COUNSEL:** DO WE HAVE AN ANSWER TO THIS?

20

21 **RICHARD WEISS, COUNSEL:** MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. WE
22 WOULDN'T KNOW WHAT THE C.E.Q.A. APPROPRIATELY DOCUMENT WOULD
23 BE UNTIL AN INITIAL STUDY WAS PREPARED. IT COULD BE A NEGATIVE
24 DEC, A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION, OR AN ENVIRONMENTAL
25 IMPACT REPORT.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME WE DID A FULL FLEDGED
3 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT ON AN ORDINANCE THAT WAS SIMILAR
4 TO THIS?

5

6 **SPEAKER:** I CANNOT RECALL.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT DID WE DO ON THE GRADING OF
9 RESTAURANTS? WAS THAT SUBJECT TO THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL
10 QUALITY ACT?

11

12 **RICHARD WEISS, COUNSEL:** I'M SORRY, SUPERVISOR. THAT WASN'T OUT
13 OF MY SECTION OF THE OFFICE.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE DIDN'T DO A NEGATIVE DEC OR
16 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT. WE JUST VOTED ON IT.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THE WISDOM OF THE AUTHOR.

19

20 **RICHARD WEISS, COUNSEL:** WE HAVE DONE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
21 REPORTS FOR CERTAIN, VERY COMPREHENSIVE ORDINANCES, THE ZONING
22 ORDINANCES, COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICTS AND SO FORTH. BUT I
23 CAN'T RECALL FOR SOMETHING SORT OF SINGLE PURPOSE LIKE THIS.
24 BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT STAFF WOULDN'T DETERMINE THAT IT
25 WAS NECESSARY.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DIDN'T THE COUNTY ONCE BAN NUDITY ON THE
3 BEACHES? DID YOU DO AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT ON THAT?
4 THERE'S ONLY ONE MEMBER ON THIS BOARD WHO WAS HERE BACK THEN.
5 IT MAYBE EVEN PRE-DATED YOU. I REMEMBER IT WAS AN ISSUE IN MY
6 FIRST CAMPAIGN FOR THE CITY COUNCIL. ANYWAY--

7

8 **DON WOLFE:** SUPERVISOR, IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THE CITY OF
9 OAKLAND BAN HAS BEEN CHALLENGED. THEY DID A MITIGATED NEGATIVE
10 DECLARATION, AND THAT'S BEING CHALLENGED. IT'S VERY LIKELY THE
11 OUTCOME OF THAT CASE WILL TELL US A LOT ABOUT WHAT WE'RE GOING
12 TO HAVE TO DO.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHO CHALLENGED IT? THE GROCERIES? THE
15 INDUSTRY?

16

17 **JENNIFER FORKISH:** NO. GROCERY IS NOT PART OF THAT LAWSUIT.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHO IS PART OF THAT LAWSUIT?

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21 **JENNIFER FORKISH:** I CAN JUST TELL YOU THAT THE GROCERS'
22 ASSOCIATION IS NOT A PART OF THAT LAWSUIT.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT SOME BUSINESS GROUP.

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAME CHAIR, I THINK IN OUR AMENDMENT, ITEM
2 NUMBER 3, JUST TO LEAVE IT LIKE IT IS, IT'S CLEAR. BECAUSE
3 AGAIN, IF YOU READ THE WHOLE THING, IT SAYS COMPLETE THE
4 REQUIRED CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT REVIEW IN
5 ADVANCE, IN ADVANCE OF THE 2010 TARGET DATE. AND I THINK
6 THAT'S CLEAR. IT ALLOWS YOU TO DRAFT, DO WHATEVER YOU'RE
7 DOING.

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9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DRAFT IT WHENEVER YOU WANT AND THEN
10 COMPLETE, AND MAKE-- THE C.E.Q.A. WOULD BE COMPLETE BY APRIL
11 2010.

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13 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAME CHAIR, THEN I WOULD AGAIN MOVE ITEM 19,
14 WHICH IS THE ALTERNATIVE 5 AND INCORPORATE REVISIONS 1 THROUGH
15 4 ON THE GREEN SHEET.

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17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND THAT WAS SECONDED? SECONDED BY
18 ANTONOVICH. CALL THE ROLL.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN I JUST ASK-- MR. GOLD? FROM HEAL THE
21 BAY? IS HE STILL HERE? CAN I JUST ASK, BEFORE WE GET TO THE
22 VOTES HERE, BECAUSE WE HAD THIS VERY ARTICULATE CONSTITUENT OF
23 MINE. SO I WANT THE OTHER ARTICULATE CONSTITUENT OF MINE ON
24 THE OTHER SIDE TO SHARE ANY THOUGHTS THAT YOU HAVE ON THIS
25 DISCUSSION.



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2 **MARK GOLD:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. IT'S BEEN VERY DIFFICULT TO

3 SIT HERE AND FRANKLY HAVE OUR ORGANIZATION'S INTEGRITY

4 DISPARAGED. WE'VE WORKED WITH THE COUNTY ON ISSUES SINCE OUR

5 INCEPTION. I CAN TELL YOU FOR A FACT, AND WE HAVE PROOF WITH

6 US, THAT WITHIN AN HOUR AND A HALF OF THE MEETING THAT

7 SUPERVISOR BURKE HAD WITH MY STAFF AND OTHER MEMBERS OF OTHER

8 GROUPS, WHO WERE VERY, VERY CLEAR THAT THEY WERE IN OPPOSITION

9 TO THIS LAST-SECOND, 11TH HOUR AMENDMENT, THAT WE SENT NOT

10 ONLY TO YOUR STAFF, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, BUT TO YOUR STAFF,

11 SUPERVISOR BURKE, VERY CLEAR COMMUNICATION THAT WE HAVE PROOF

12 OF RIGHT HERE TODAY, THAT WE MADE IT ABUNDANTLY CLEAR THAT

13 THIS LAST-SECOND, 11TH HOUR AMENDMENT WAS COMPLETELY

14 UNACCEPTABLE TO THE COALITION OF GROUPS. I DO WANT TO

15 APPRECIATE AND SPECIFY THAT I APPRECIATE WHAT SUPERVISOR

16 MOLINA SAID. FROM THE MINUTE THAT WE AGREED TO ANYTHING ON

17 LATE MONDAY AFTERNOON, WE MADE IT CLEAR IT WAS WITH OUR

18 FINGERS ON OUR NOSE BASICALLY SAYING LOOK, THIS IS THE BEST

19 WE'RE GOING TO GET WITH THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THE WAY

20 THINGS ARE GOING. AND THAT WAS THE ONLY REASON WE AGREED TO

21 THAT DEAL. OUR PREFERENCE HAS BEEN MADE VERY, VERY CLEAR SINCE

22 DAY ONE. ASK YOUR STAFF, ASK THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC

23 WORKS WHO WE WORKED WITH VERY, VERY CAREFULLY, THAT WE ASKED

24 FOR A BAN FROM DAY ONE. AND THE NEXT BEST THING WAS THAT

25 BASICALLY A BAN WITH A WAIVER PROVISION THAT IF ANY RETAILER



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1 DECIDED TO GO THE FEE ROUTE INSTEAD OF 10 CENTS PER BAG, THAT
2 THE BAN WOULD NOT APPLY TO THEM. BUT OUT OF THE SPIRIT OF GOOD
3 WILL, IF YOU NEGOTIATE FOR NINE MONTHS AND YOU HAVE AN
4 AGREEMENT AND THEN YOU COME BACK AND AT THE LAST POSSIBLE
5 SECOND THAT GETS THROWN OUT THE WINDOW, I DON'T CARE WHAT THE
6 DEAL IS, YOU PRETTY MUCH WOULD BE UPSET. AND THAT'S EXACTLY
7 WHERE HEAL THE BAY IS AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMUNITY.
8 EVERYTHING THAT WE DO AND EVERYTHING THAT WE HAVE SUCCEEDED ON
9 WITH HEAL THE BAY HAS BEEN BASED ON INTEGRITY AND CREDIBILITY.
10 AND I REALLY AM UPSET THAT SUPERVISOR BURKE HAS BASICALLY SAID
11 THAT HEAL THE BAY ENDORSED THIS HORRIBLE LAST SECOND PROVISION
12 BECAUSE, THAT IS JUST FACTUALLY INCORRECT.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WHEN DID YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND ON IT AN HOUR
15 AND A HALF LATER?

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17 **MARK GOLD:** I WAS NOT AT THE MEETING, SUPERVISOR BURKE. JUST
18 LIKE YOUR STAFF CANNOT MAKE A DECISION FOR YOU, MY STAFF DOES
19 NOT MAKE A DECISION FOR THE 20,000 PEOPLE WHO ARE MEMBERS OF
20 HEAL THE BAY.

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22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ONLY YOU MAKE THE DECISION FOR
23 20,000 MEMBERS?

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1 **MARK GOLD:** NO, I HAVE A BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND I'M CONSISTENT
2 WITH THEM AS WELL. AND THE REALITY IS, MY BOARD DIDN'T-- MY
3 STAFF DID NOT SUPPORT THAT PROVISION. THEY NEVER DID.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY. DO YOU KNOW WHAT? I UNDERSTAND. BUT I
6 DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU TURNED AROUND IN AN HOUR AND A HALF LATER,
7 YOU SAY YOUR STAFF DIDN'T SUPPORT IT? THEN THERE WAS NOTHING
8 TO TURN AROUND.

9

10 **MARK GOLD:** NO. WE JUST MADE IT ABUNDANTLY CLEAR TO YOU AND
11 YOUR STAFF. AND WE TALKED TO EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THE BOARD
12 OF SUPERVISORS ON FRIDAY.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AN HOUR AND A HALF LATER, YOU CHANGED YOU
15 MIND. LISTEN. YOU MADE A DECISION THAT YOUR STAFF SHOULD NOT
16 HAVE TAKEN THE POSITION THEY DID. I CAN RESPECT THAT. BUT I
17 HAVE TO ALSO RESPECT THE FACT THAT WHEN I ENTER THAT ROOM, I
18 BELIEVED THAT YOU HAD SENT STAFF THERE WHO HAD THE AUTHORITY
19 TO NEGOTIATE THAT DEAL.

20

21 **MARK GOLD:** BUT THEY DID NOT SIGN OFF ON WHAT YOU'RE SAYING
22 THEY SIGNED OFF ON, AND THAT IS A FACT AND YOU HAVE NO
23 DEMONSTRATION THAT THEY DID. THAT DISPARAGING THE STAFF OF
24 HEAL THE BAY.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WHAT DID YOU TURN AROUND AN HOUR AND A HALF
2 LATER? WHAT DID YOU CALL AND SAY AN HOUR AND A HALF LATER?

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4 **MARK GOLD:** WE MADE IT ABUNDANTLY CLEAR--

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WHAT DID SAY AN HOUR AND HALF LATER?

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8 **MARK GOLD:** --THAT IT WAS UNACCEPTABLE.

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10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AN HOUR AND A HALF YOU SAID IT WAS NOT.
11 UNACCEPTABLE. I UNDERSTAND THAT.

12

13 **MARK GOLD:** BUT WE NEVER SAID THAT IT WAS ACCEPTABLE.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY, ALL RIGHT.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AT THE END OF THE DAY, AND THIS IS THE
18 PROBLEM--

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE IN THE ROOM.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** BUT WHATEVER IT WAS, I DON'T THINK IT'S
23 GOING TO CHANGE ANYBODY'S MIND. IT WON'T CHANGE YOUR MIND.

24

25 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NOT AT ALL, NOT AT ALL.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT I DO THINK-- I MEAN HE IS EXECUTIVE
3 DIRECTOR OF THE ORGANIZATION. I WASN'T IN THE ROOM.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I CAN RESPECT HE'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. I
6 WISH HE HAD EITHER BEEN THERE OR HE HAD TOLD HIS STAFF THAT
7 THEY COULD MAKE NO CONCESSIONS. AND THAT WOULD HAVE MADE IT
8 EASIER.

9

10 **MARK GOLD:** THEY DID NOT MAKE ANY CONCESSIONS. THAT'S
11 COMPLETELY UNTRUE.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. I DON'T THINK WE'RE GOING TO--

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE NOW KNOW HOW TO DEAL WITH YOU.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, IT'S UNFORTUNATE. I JUST WISH WE HAD
18 BEEN ABLE TO RESOLVE ALL THIS AND NOT IN THIS FORUM, BECAUSE
19 WE WERE SO CLOSE. AND I THINK MR. GOLD IS CORRECT. I KNOW HE'S
20 CORRECT IN THAT FROM THE GET GO THEY PREFERRED A BAN AS TO
21 THEIR POSITION.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I UNDERSTAND THAT.

24



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THEY WORKED WITH US TO TRY TO GET SOMETHING
2 THAT WE COULD ALL GET BEHIND. AND THEY FEEL BURNED.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND I FEEL BURNED, TOO, YEAH. CALL THE
5 ROLL.

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WOULD ASK TO DIVIDE THE QUESTION.

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9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** CALL THE ROLL.

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11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ON THE KNABE/ANTONOVICH MOTION ONLY?

12

13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** I WAS NOT GOING TO DIVIDE THE QUESTION.

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15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M ASKING THAT WE DIVIDE THE QUESTION. IT'S
16 PERFECTLY APPROPRIATE.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DIVIDE THE QUESTION.

19

20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** I WILL DIVIDE THE QUESTION. SO WE WILL
21 START OFF WITH THE AMENDMENT BY SUPERVISOR KNABE AND
22 ANTONOVICH, WHICH WAS POSTED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA.
23 SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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25 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO.



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2 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO.

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6 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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8 **SUP. KNABE:** AYE.

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10 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AYE.

13

14 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR BURKE?

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16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AYE. ON THE MAIN MOTION OR DO YOU WANT TO
17 TAKE A SEPARATE VOTE ON THAT?

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU ALSO HAVE MY AMENDMENT.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THE AMENDMENT, ON THE MAIN MOTION.

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23 **SUP. KNABE:** THEN MOVE THE ALTERNATIVE FIVE--

24

25 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE JUST MOVED THE MAIN MOTION.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THEY ACCEPTED HIS AMENDMENT.

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY'S AMENDMENT AS WELL.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THEY ACCEPTED HIS AMENDMENT.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THEY ACCEPTED IT?

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES. ON THE MAIN MOTION, CALL THE ROLL.

11

12 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON THE MAIN MOTION, SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

13 [INAUDIBLE]

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15 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE:** AYE.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AYE.

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23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AYE. THE MOTION IS PASSED, WITH THE
24 AMENDMENT, WITH MR. YAROSLAVSKY'S AMENDMENT.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THANK YOU.

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3 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I DIDN'T DO MY ADJOURNMENTS AND I'D LIKE TO
4 DO THEM RIGHT NOW AND THEN WE CAN GO ON TO ALL THE OTHER ITEMS
5 WE HAVE ON HERE. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN, WE ADJOURN IN
6 MEMORY OF HOWARD WILLIAM WASHINGTON, LONG TIME COUNTY RESIDENT
7 WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY. HE LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY HIS
8 LONG TIME COMPANION EUNICE GLOVER, SON NICHOLAS AND DAUGHTER
9 SANDRA. AND JOHN STEWART, FOLK SINGER SONGWRITER WHO PASSED
10 AWAY JANUARY 19TH, 2008 IN HIS HOMETOWN OF SAN DIEGO AT THE
11 AGE OF 68. HE HAD A LONG SOLO CAREER, FOLLOWED BY HIS SEVEN
12 YEARS WITH THE KINGSTON TRIO. HE RECORDED MORE THAN 45 ALBUMS
13 AND PIONEERED THE INDEPENDENT RECORDING AND RELEASE OF
14 RECORDS. HE LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY HIS WIFE, BUFFY FORD
15 STEWART AND SON LUKE, IN ADDITION TO THREE CHILDREN FROM A
16 PREVIOUS MARRIAGE, MIKAEL, JEREMY AND AMY. AND JOHN STROGER,
17 FORMER COOK COUNTY BOARD PRESIDENT, WHO WAS THE FIRST AFRICAN-
18 AMERICAN TO HOLD THE POSITION, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF
19 78 FROM COMPLICATIONS OF A STROKE HE SUFFERED IN 2006.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** I'D LIKE TO JOIN IN THAT, PLEASE.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** CAN WE HAVE ALL MEMBERS ON THAT?

24

25 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ALL MEMBERS.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** HE WAS THE LONGEST SERVING MEMBERS OF THE
3 80 MEMBER COOK COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND RETIRED
4 FROM THE COUNTY BOARD IN JULY 2006. HE LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS
5 MEMORY HIS WIFE YONNIE, SON TODD-- I GUESS EXECUTIVE BOARD
6 PRESIDENT, TODD STROGER, AND DAUGHTER YONNIE LYNN. SO ORDERED.

7

8 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MADAME CHAIR, ON ITEM NUMBER 18, THAT WAS
9 ALSO SUPPOSED TO GO WITH ITEM 19. MADAME CHAIR, ON ITEM NUMBER
10 18, THERE WERE A FEW SPEAKERS. IT WAS ALSO TIED TO ITEM 19.
11 BUT IF YOU'D LIKE TO--

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. IS THERE A MOTION ON 18? ALL THE
14 SPEAKERS I THINK WERE SUPPORTING 18. ALL RIGHT. MOVED BY
15 KNABE-- OR WAIT A MINUTE. THIS IS TO GET THE LEGISLATION.

16

17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** RIGHT.

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19 **SUP. KNABE:** I DON'T KNOW THAT IT'S NECESSARY RIGHT NOW BECAUSE
20 THE ASSEMBLY MEMBER LEVINE MADE IT QUITE CLEAR THAT HE'S GOING
21 TO BE MOVING ON THAT ISSUE. SO WHY DON'T WE DEAL WITH THAT
22 SPECIFIC ISSUE WHEN IT COMES FORWARD. I DON'T KNOW THAT WE
23 NEED TO DO IT RIGHT NOW. I THINK IT'S JUST PREMATURE.

24



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE'LL PUT IT OVER TO AFTER IT'S
2 INTRODUCED, THEN? DO YOU WANT THE SUPPORT OF THE LEGISLATURE
3 ON 18? IT'S CLEAR IT'S ALREADY BEING INTRODUCED.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE:** IT'S REALLY UNNECESSARY AT THIS POINT, BECAUSE
6 ASSEMBLY MEMBER LEVINE IS MOVING FORWARD ON IT.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I UNDERSTAND, BUT I THINK WE OUGHT TO BE ON
9 RECORD IN SUPPORT OF IT IN ANY CASE. HE INTRODUCED IT A COUPLE
10 OF DAYS AGO.

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12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU MOVE TO SUPPORT IT?

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I MOVE IT. SO MOVED.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'LL SECOND IT. CALL THE ROLL.

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18 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA? ABSENT. SUPERVISOR
19 YAROSLAVSKY?

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES.

22

23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

24

25 **SUP. KNABE:** AYE.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AYE. IT'S PASSED. ALL RIGHT. THE NEXT ITEM
5 ARE THOSE-- WE HAVE TO GO TO THE PUBLIC HEARING. WE HAVE TO
6 SWEAR THEM IN.

7

8 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS 1 THROUGH 8,
9 ALL THOSE WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY THE BOARD, PLEASE STAND AND
10 RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND TO BE SWORN IN. IN THE TESTIMONY YOU MAY
11 GIVE BEFORE THIS BOARD, DO YOU SOLEMNLY AFFIRM TO TELL THE
12 TRUTH, WHO WHOLE TRUTH AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH, SO HELP YOU
13 GOD? THANK YOU. YOU MAY BE SEATED. ON ITEM NUMBER 1, I'LL READ
14 THE SHORT TITLE INTO THE RECORD HERE. THIS IS A HEARING ON THE
15 ANNEXATION AND LEVYING OF ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS OF VARIOUS
16 APPROVED TENTATIVE SUBDIVISION TERRITORIES TO COUNTY LIGHTING
17 DISTRICT 1687 AND COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT L.L.A.-1,
18 UNINCORPORATED ZONE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009. NO WRITTEN
19 CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED ON THIS MATTER. AND THERE IS, I
20 BELIEVE, A STAFF PRESENTATION ON THIS.

21

22 **GUIA SHEIK:** MY NAME IS GUIA SHEIK AND I'M A PRINCIPAL
23 ENGINEER FOR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. I AM FAMILIAR WITH
24 THESE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE ANNEXATION TO LIGHTING MAINTENANCE
25 DISTRICT 1687 AND L.L.A.-1. THE LEVYING AND COLLECTION OF



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1 ASSESSMENTS FOR THE THREE TENTATIVE SUBDIVISIONS REFERENCED IN
2 THE BOARD LETTER. IN MY OPINION, THE TENTATIVE SUBDIVISIONS
3 WILL BE BENEFITED BY THE ANNEXATION, AND THE SERVICES TO BE
4 PROVIDED AND THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENT HAS BEEN SPREAD IN
5 PROPORTION TO BENEFITS. WE ARE RECOMMENDING THAT YOUR BOARD
6 ACCEPT THE NEGOTIATED EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES FOR
7 THE NONEXEMPT TAXING AGENCIES.

8

9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, IT
10 WOULD BE APPROPRIATE AT THIS TIME TO CLOSE THE HEARING, DIRECT
11 THE TABULATION OF BALLOTS AND TABLE THE ITEM UNTIL LATER IN
12 THE MEETING FOR TABULATION RESULTS AND ACTION BY YOUR BOARD.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT
15 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

16

17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 2, THIS IS THE HEARING ON
18 THE ANNEXATION AND LEVYING OF ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS OF VARIOUS
19 SUBDIVISION TERRITORIES TO COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE
20 DISTRICT 1687 AND COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT L.L.A.-1,
21 UNINCORPORATED ZONE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009. NO WRITTEN
22 CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED ON THIS MATTER, AND I BELIEVE
23 THERE IS A STAFF PRESENTATION.

24



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1 **GUIA SHEIK:** MY NAME IS GUIA SHEIK, AND I'M A PRINCIPAL
2 ENGINEER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. I AM FAMILIAR
3 WITH THESE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE ANNEXATION TO LIGHTING
4 MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1687 AND L.L.A.-1. AND THE LEVYING AND
5 COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS FOR THE FOUR SUBDIVISIONS REFERENCED
6 IN THE BOARD LETTER. IN MY OPINION, THE SUBDIVISIONS WILL BE
7 BENEFITED BY THE ANNEXATION AND THE SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED,
8 AND THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS HAVE BEEN SPREAD IN PROPORTION TO
9 BENEFITS. WE ARE ALSO RECOMMENDING THAT YOUR BOARD ACCEPT THE
10 NEGOTIATED EXCHANGE OF THE PROPERTY TAX REVENUES FOR THE
11 NONEXEMPT TAXING AGENCIES.

12
13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, IT
14 WOULD BE APPROPRIATE AT THIS TIME TO CLOSE THE HEARING, DIRECT
15 THE TABULATION OF BALLOTS AND TABLE THE ITEM UNTIL LATER IN
16 THE MEETING FOR TABULATION RESULTS AND ACTION BY YOUR BOARD.

17
18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT
19 OBJECTION.

20
21 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 3, THIS IS THE HEARING ON
22 ANNEXATION OF COUNTY TERRITORY COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT 1687
23 AND COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT L.L.A.-1. UNINCORPORATED ZONE,
24 CHARTER OAK AREA, AND THE LEVYING OF ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS FOR



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1 FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009. THERE IS NO WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE
2 RECEIVED ON THIS MATTER AND THERE IS A STAFF PRESENTATION.

3

4 **GUIA SHEIK:** MY NAME IS GUIA SHEIK, AND I'M A PRINCIPAL
5 ENGINEER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. I AM FAMILIAR
6 WITH THESE PROCEEDINGS TO ANNEX THE AREA COVERED BY PETITION
7 NUMBER 148-1106 INTO LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1687 AND
8 COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT L.L.A.-1 AND TO LEVY ASSESSMENT FOR
9 THAT AREA. IN MY OPINION, ALL OF THE TERRITORY WITHIN THE
10 PETITION AREA WILL BE BENEFITED BY THE SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED
11 AND THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS HAVE BEEN SPREAD IN PROPORTION TO
12 THE BENEFITS TO BE RECEIVED. WE ALSO RECOMMEND THAT YOUR BOARD
13 APPROVE THE NEGOTIATED EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES BY
14 THE INVOLVED NONEXEMPT TAXING AGENCY. WE ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY
15 PROTESTS.

16

17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, IT
18 WOULD BE APPROPRIATE AT THIS TIME TO CLOSE THE HEARING, DIRECT
19 THE TABULATION OF BALLOTS AND TABLE THE ITEM UNTIL LATER IN
20 THE MEETING FOR TABULATION RESULTS AND ACTION BY YOUR BOARD.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I MOVE. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. SO
23 ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 4. THIS IS THE HEARING ON
2 PROPOSED SALE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT HOLLYWOOD BOWL. AND
3 ON THE GRANTING OF ONE-TIME OPTION TO PURCHASE REAL PROPERTY
4 TO MISS PANZER FOR A FEE OF 36,000 TO ELIMINATE AND REMOVE AN
5 ENCROACHMENT LOCATED ON THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF THE HOLLYWOOD
6 BOWL AND ADJACENT TO PRIVATE PROPERTY AT THE REAR OF 2388
7 CASTILIAN DRIVE, CITY OF LOS ANGELES. NO WRITTEN
8 CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED ON THIS MATTER. AND I DON'T
9 BELIEVE THAT THERE IS A STAFF PRESENTATION ON THIS.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY
12 ANTONOVICH, WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

13

14 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 7, THIS IS THE DE NOVO
15 HEARING ON PROJECT NUMBER R2005-01996-5 CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT
16 CASE NUMBER 200-500-118-5 AND NEGATIVE DECLARATION LOCATED AT
17 8946 THROUGH 8950 DUARTE ROAD, IN THE UNINCORPORATED OF EAST
18 PASADENA, EAST SAN GABRIEL COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT IN THE
19 SOUTH SANTA ANITA TEMPLE CITY ZONE DISTRICT, APPLIED FOR BY
20 ROGER VAN WERT ON BEHALF OF FRANCES L. NORMAN NURSERY. NO
21 WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED ON THIS MATTER AND I
22 BELIEVE THERE IS A STAFF PRESENTATION.

23

24 **ANITA GUTIERREZ:** YES, GOOD AFTERNOON. ANITA GUTIERREZ FROM THE
25 DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING. AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 7 IS AN



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1 APPEAL FROM THE REGIONAL PLANNING'S DECISION FOR A CONDITIONAL
2 USE PERMIT, TO ALLOW THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 28-UNIT THREE STORY
3 SENIOR CITIZEN APARTMENT BUILDING, ON A TOTAL OF 29,022 FEET
4 OF PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE C-1 D.P. ZONE IN THE COMMUNITY
5 OF EAST PASADENA, EAST SAN GABRIEL COMMUNITY STANDARDS
6 DISTRICT, TO ALLOW FOR A REDUCED SETBACK REQUIREMENT. THIS
7 PROJECT INCLUDES ONE MODIFICATION TO THE C.S.D. TO ALLOW THAT
8 REDUCED SETBACK REQUIREMENT. THE PROPOSED PROJECT WOULD HAVE A
9 UNIT MIX OF 17 ONE-BEDROOM, 8 TWO-BEDROOMS AND THREE STUDIOS.
10 THE PROJECT WAS APPROVED BY THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
11 ON SEPTEMBER 12TH, 2007.

12
13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ROGER VAN WERT AND THEODORE NORMAN?

14
15 **ROGER VAN WERT:** MY NAME IS ROGER VAN WERT. AND I REPRESENT
16 NORMAN'S NURSERY. MY ADDRESS IS 100 WILSHIRE BOULEVARD IN
17 SANTA MONICA. AND AS THE STAFF REPORT INDICATED, WE'RE HERE ON
18 AN APPEAL OF A REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVAL OF A
19 SENIOR CITIZEN HOUSING PROJECT. BEFORE I DISCUSS THE APPEAL
20 ISSUES IN SPECIFIC, I WOULD LIKE TO PUT A LITTLE CONTEXT ON A
21 COUPLE OF ITEMS. NORMAN'S NURSERY HAS HAD A BUSINESS ALONG
22 DUARTE ROAD FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS AND HAS OWNED THE SUBJECT
23 PROPERTY FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS, AND HAS WORKED WITH THE
24 NEIGHBORS ON PRIOR LAND USE MATTERS AND THEREFORE HAS A LOCAL
25 UNDERSTANDING OF THE LAND USE ISSUES THAT COME TO BEAR. WITH



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1 THAT IN MIND, WHEN WE WERE LOOKING FOR DEVELOPMENT
2 OPPORTUNITIES ON THIS PROPERTY, WE KEPT IN MIND WE WANTED TO
3 ACHIEVE THREE OBJECTIVES. ONE, WE WANTED TO BUFFER THE SINGLE-
4 FAMILY RESIDENTIAL FROM THE ADJACENT COMMERCIAL BOULEVARD AT
5 ROSE MEADE. SECONDLY, WE WANTED TO MINIMIZE THE AMOUNT OF
6 TRAFFIC THAT WE WOULD BE GENERATING. AND THIRD WE WANTED TO
7 HAVE A DESIGN THAT WAS COMPATIBLE WITH THE-- COMPATIBLE
8 TRANSITION BETWEEN THE SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL AND THE
9 COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR. AND WE BELIEVE THAT THE PROJECT WE HAVE
10 COME UP WITH ACHIEVES EACH OF THOSE OBJECTIVES. PHYSICALLY, IT
11 SEPARATES THE RESIDENTIAL FROM THE ROSE MEADE CORRIDOR. WE
12 HAVE DEVELOPED A COMPATIBLE RESIDENTIAL LAND USE THAT HELPS
13 MAINTAIN THE CHARACTER, RESIDENTIAL CHARACTER OF THE AREA AND
14 ASSURES THAT THE COMMERCIAL USES WILL NOT ENCROACH FURTHER
15 TOWARDS THE RESIDENTIAL AREA. AND WE PROPOSED A USE THAT HAS
16 VERY LOW IMPACTS. FOR EXAMPLE, THE 28 SENIOR UNITS WOULD
17 GENERATE THE SAME AMOUNT OF TRAFFIC AS FIVE APARTMENT UNITS.
18 SO IT IS A VERY SOFT FOOTPRINT, LOW IMPACT USE. PRIOR TO THE
19 COMMISSION HEARING, WE CONDUCTED AN OPEN HOUSE, INVITED OUR
20 NEIGHBORS, AND WE HAD OUR ARCHITECT THERE. WE WALKED THE
21 PROPERTY WITH THE NEIGHBORS. WE DISCUSSED ALL THEIR ISSUES AND
22 MADE SURE THEY WERE FULLY INFORMED ABOUT THE CHARACTERISTICS
23 OF THE PROJECT. OUT OF THAT OPEN HOUSE CAME A SERIES OF
24 MODIFICATIONS REGARDING WALL HEIGHT, TRASH BIN LOCATION,
25 ENHANCED LANDSCAPING, AND EVEN REORIENTATION OF SOME OF THE



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1 UNITS. ALL OF THESE MODIFICATIONS WERE INCORPORATED INTO THE
2 COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD. NOW TO DISCUSS THE
3 ISSUES WHICH I THINK YOU WILL HEAR FROM THE OPPONENTS, THE
4 APPELLANTS IN THIS CASE, THE FIRST ISSUE THAT I THINK WILL
5 COME UP IS THAT THEY BELIEVE THAT IT SHOULD BE A TWO-STORY,
6 ENTIRELY A TWO-STORY, FACILITY. DURING THE APPEAL, WE LOOKED
7 AT THAT QUESTION. WE EVALUATED WHAT WE COULD DO TO ADDRESS
8 THAT COMMUNITY NEED. AND WE CAME UP WITH A PROPOSAL THAT THE
9 BUILDING-- THERE ARE TWO BUILDINGS BEING PROPOSED-- THAT THE
10 BUILDING CLOSEST TO THE RESIDENTIAL WOULD BE REDUCED TO TWO-
11 STORY WHILE RETAINING THE THREE-STORY ELEMENT ON THE
12 COMMERCIAL SIDE OF THE PROPERTY. WE HAD A MEETING WITH THE
13 NEIGHBORS AS RECENTLY AS SUNDAY, AND ONE OF THE THINGS I NOTED
14 IS THAT OUR IMMEDIATE NEIGHBOR ON DUARTE ROAD IS PROPOSING TO
15 ADD A SECOND STORY TO HIS HOME. AND TO ME IT MAKES LOGICAL
16 SENSE THAT IF WE HAVE A TWO-STORY SINGLE-FAMILY HOUSE, A TWO-
17 STORY BUILDING ELEMENT ADJACENT TO IT IN OUR PROJECT AND THEN
18 A THREE-STORY ELEMENT ADJACENT TO THE COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR,
19 THAT THIS CONSTITUTES A MEASURED AND APPROPRIATE TRANSITION OF
20 LAND USES. AGAIN, I'D ALSO LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT ACROSS FROM
21 OUR PROPERTY ON DUARTE ROAD IS STRIPPED COMMERCIAL AND A 35-
22 FOOT TALL TWO-STORY OVERPARKING APARTMENT COMPLEX, CERTAINLY
23 USES THAT WOULD NOT BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY WHAT IS BEING
24 PROPOSED. WE BELIEVE THAT THE STEPPED UP HEIGHT FROM TWO
25 STORIES TO THREE STORIES ADDS VERTICAL DIFFERENTIATION WHICH



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1 ACTUALLY MAKES THE BUILDING LOOK BETTER AND WORK BETTER AS
2 SOMETHING THAT CAN ENHANCE LOCAL PROPERTY VALUES. THE SECOND
3 KEY ISSUE WILL BE OFF STREET PARKING. EXCUSE ME. THAT'S A
4 MISNOMER. PARKING ON THE STREET BY APARTMENT USERS. THERE ARE
5 APARTMENT BUILDINGS IN THE AREA. APPARENTLY THEY DON'T HAVE
6 ADEQUATE ON SITE PARKING AND SOMETIMES THEY PARK IN
7 RESIDENTIAL STREETS. THE COMMUNITY'S CONCERNED THAT THIS
8 PROJECT WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO THAT. BUT THE FACT IS THAT WE WILL
9 NOT. THE PROJECT IS PROVIDING 61 PERCENT MORE PARKING THAN IS
10 REQUIRED BY CODE, AND WE HAVE AT LEAST FOUR PARKING SPACES
11 AVAILABLE ALONG OUR OWN FRONTAGE. SO GIVEN THOSE FACTS, I
12 THINK IT'S NOT CREDIBLE TO CLAIM THAT THIS PROJECT IS NOT
13 ADDRESSING PARKING. SO IN SUMMATION, I'D LIKE TO SAY THAT WE
14 BELIEVE THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION
15 SHOULD BE SUSTAINED SUBJECT TO THE MODIFICATION AND PROVIDING
16 THE TWO-STORY BUILDING ADJACENT TO THE NEIGHBORS AS WE HAVE
17 PROPOSED, BECAUSE THE ELIMINATION OF THE THIRD STORY PROVIDES
18 NO PUBLIC BENEFIT. THERE'S NO LESSENING OF IMPACTS AND THERE'S
19 NO IMPROVEMENT IN REGULATORY CONSISTENCY, 35 FEET IS PERMITTED
20 IN THE ZONE WHERE WE ARE PROPOSING IT. THE PROJECT REPRESENTS
21 NEW INVESTMENT IN A VERY MATURE, MODERATE INCOME AREA THAT
22 COULD DEFINITELY USE SOME PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS. AND WE
23 BELIEVE THE THREE-STORY ELEMENT WOULD BE A BETTER CATALYST FOR
24 THIS APPROACH. FINALLY, WE BELIEVE THAT WE WILL IMPROVE THE
25 CHARACTER AND STREET SCAPE ALONG DUARTE ROAD AND WE WILL BE



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1 PROVIDING SENIOR HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES WHICH ARE DESPERATELY
2 NEEDED. THIS IS A VACANT PIECE OF PROPERTY. IT'S GOING TO BE
3 PUT TO PRODUCTIVE USE. IF NOT SENIOR HOUSING, WHAT ARE WE
4 PROPOSING? STRIP COMMERCIAL? APARTMENTS? OFFICE BUILDINGS WITH
5 HIGH PEAK HOUR TRAFFIC GENERATION? WE BELIEVE THAT THIS IS THE
6 USE THAT IS THE RIGHT PLACE AT THE RIGHT TIME AND MEETS THE
7 NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY. NORMAN'S HAS MADE A NUMBER OF
8 MODIFICATIONS TO THE PROJECT AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO ADDRESS
9 THE COMMUNITY, AND WE HOPE THAT THE BOARD WILL SUPPORT IT SO
10 THAT WE DON'T LOSE THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE A USE THAT WILL
11 MEET NEIGHBORHOOD NEEDS, PROVIDE FOR SENIORS AS WELL AS
12 ADDRESS THE PROSPECTS OF A BUSINESS THAT'S BEEN IN THE
13 COMMUNITY FOR A LONG TIME. I'M DONE. THANK YOU.

14

15 **THEODORE NORMAN:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR AND SUPERVISORS. MY
16 NAME IS THEODORE PAUL NORMAN, I'M THE C.E.O. OF NORMAN'S
17 NURSERY. I JUST WANTED TO SPEAK A MOMENT TO THE NATURE OF OUR
18 COMPANY AND OUR PRESENCE THERE ON DUARTE ROAD IN SAN GABRIEL.
19 I'M THE THIRD GENERATION OF THIS COMPANY. MY GRANDFATHER
20 STARTED IT OVER 60 YEARS AGO, AND PURPOSEFULLY WE HAVE DECIDED
21 TO STAY THAT WAY. WE HAVE CLOSE TO 1,000 EMPLOYEES. BUT WE
22 WANTED TO STAY IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD. WE'VE BEEN A GOOD PRESENCE
23 THERE. WE DECIDED NOT TO MOVE WHEN WE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO
24 DO SO. WE'VE BEEN VERY, VERY GOOD NEIGHBORS. WE'VE REACHED OUT
25 AND HELPED THOSE THAT HAD PROBLEMS TRIMMING THEIR LARGE TREES,



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1 FOR EXAMPLE, THAT POSED A DANGER TO THEIR HOME OR THE
2 NEIGHBORHOOD. WE'VE PLANTED OTHER PEOPLE'S YARDS TO IMPROVE
3 THE AESTHETICS ALONG DUARTE ROAD. THIS LAND IS UNUSED AND WE
4 WANTED TO PICK THE SOFTEST FOOTPRINT WE COULD. AND THAT WAS
5 THE REASON WHY WE CAME UP WITH THE SENIOR HOUSING PROJECT. I
6 DO WANT TO THANK THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR APPROVING THE
7 PROJECT INITIALLY. I WOULD HOPE YOU CONSIDER OUR PROPOSAL AND
8 WOULD APPROVE IT. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FRED WU? JIM DODS? SANJEEV PAWAR? AND THEN
11 JOHN WEI-JIA FUNG AND IGNACIO CANO. YOU GUYS WILL FOLLOW THEM.
12 IF YOU WANT TO COME UP AND SIT IN THE FRONT ROW.

13

14 **FRED WU:** MY NAME'S FRED WU. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO
15 ALLOW US TO SPEAK, MADAME CHAIR AND DEAR BOARD MEMBERS. I DO
16 HAVE SOME PRESENTATION SLIDES OF THE AERIAL DRAWINGS, IF I
17 COULD PASS OUT TO THE BOARD MEMBERS, AND THEIR OTHER-- I WANT
18 TO THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY. I COME HERE REPRESENTING
19 ABOUT 18 HOMEOWNERS WHO EQUALLY _____ THE FILING OF THIS
20 APPEAL, 18 HOMEOWNERS THAT ARE IN THE AREA. MANY OF THEM ARE
21 HERE SPEAKING IN OPPOSITION OF THIS PROJECT IN ITS CURRENT
22 FORM. NOW, I WANT TO SAY THAT WE'RE NOT TOTALLY AGAINST THE
23 PROJECT. WE'RE AGAINST THE PROJECT IN ITS CURRENT FORM. IT'S A
24 A THREE-STORY BUILDING, AND IT'S VERY MASSIVE. CONTRARY TO
25 WHAT THE DEVELOPERS SAID THAT THEY HAVE WORKED WITH THE



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1 NEIGHBORHOOD, THE FIRST TIME WE HAVE KNOWN ABOUT THIS IS THE
2 FIRST TIME WE GOT A NOTICE OF THE HEARING BACK IN SEPTEMBER
3 12TH. SINCE THEN, WE HAD A COUPLE CONVERSATIONS WITH THEM,
4 OPEN HOUSE. BUT OUR OPINIONS, OUR INPUT WERE NOT CONSIDERED
5 UNTIL WE PRESSED THE ISSUES. FOR THIS APPEAL HERE, THERE'S SIX
6 HOMEOWNERS WHO ARE RETIRED HOMEOWNERS AND LIVING VERY CLOSE TO
7 THE PROJECT. SO IT'S NOT JUST US WITH YOUNG FAMILIES LIVING
8 HERE. IT'S NOT JUST PROFESSIONALS LIKE JIM, BUT THERE ARE
9 HOMEOWNERS THAT ARE RETIRED WHO CANNOT BE HERE BECAUSE OF
10 THEIR POOR HEALTH. SO I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT WE HAVE A VERY
11 CROSS MIX GROUP OF PEOPLE HERE. WHAT YOU ARE SEEING ARE THREE
12 PICTURES, DRAWINGS. THE FIRST ONE SHOWS BASICALLY THE
13 PERSPECTIVE OF LOCATION OF THE PROJECT, THE STREETS AND THE
14 NEIGHBORHOOD. SO YOU CAN GET A SENSE OF WHAT THIS PROJECT'S
15 ABOUT. THE DARK GREEN BUILDINGS ARE THE SUBJECT BUILDINGS.
16 NOW, I HAVE REQUESTED THE DEVELOPERS AND THE ARCHITECTS FOR
17 THESE DRAWINGS, AND THEY SAY IT COULD NOT BE DONE. SO GUESS
18 WHAT? I SEPARATELY WENT TO A LICENSED ARCHITECT AND HAD THEM
19 CREATE THREE DRAWINGS FOR YOU SO YOU CAN UNDERSTAND WHAT THIS
20 PROJECT IMPACT OUR NEIGHBORHOOD AND OUR COMMUNITY. I THINK THE
21 BOARD, THE COMMISSIONERS, DIDN'T QUITE UNDERSTAND THE PROJECT.
22 I THINK IT'S A GOOD PROJECT BUT AT ITS CURRENT FORM IT'S TOO
23 BIG. THE SECOND PAGE SHOWS A VIEW LOOKING WEST STANDING ON
24 ROSE MEADE. AS YOU CAN SEE THERE'S A TWO-STORY APARTMENT,
25 BUILDING TO THE LEFT. HOW MASSIVE THIS PROJECT IS JUST KIND OF



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1 SHOOTING THROUGH THE SKY COMPARED TO THE REST OF THE
2 NEIGHBORHOOD. THE CONCERN IS REALLY HOW BIG THIS THING IS, AS
3 YOU CAN SEE. AND THE LAST PAGE IS A SECTIONAL VIEW. IT GIVES A
4 GOOD IDEA AGAIN, RELATIVELY SPEAKING TO THE REST OF THE
5 NEIGHBORHOOD HERE. I JUST WANT TO POINT OUT TO YOU HERE THAT
6 THESE DRAWINGS WEREN'T PRESENTED TO YOU OR TO THE
7 COMMISSIONERS BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T WANT YOU TO SEE WHAT
8 HAPPENED TO THIS BUILDING, TO THIS PROJECT HERE IN REALITY.
9 WHEN I PRESSED THE ISSUE SAYING, WE DISCUSSED THIS. I SAID,
10 "WHAT HAPPENS IS WE REDUCE THE SCOPE TO TWO-STORY HIGH AND
11 MAYBE 20 UNITS?" WELL, THEY SAID, "WELL IT CANNOT BE DONE
12 BECAUSE OF FINANCING ISSUES," THEY CANNOT FINANCE THIS
13 PROJECT. THEN I SAID, "WELL I HAVE SOME FINANCIAL BACKGROUND,
14 I CAN HELP YOU WITH THAT." THEN THEY CHANGE THEIR STORY. THEN
15 THEY SAY, "WELL THE DEVELOPER HAS ITS OWN CAPACITY AND
16 FINANCIAL TO DO THE DEVELOPMENT THEMSELVES." SO THEY WEREN'T
17 REALLY STRAIGHT WITH US, THE NEIGHBORS, THAT'S WHY I WAS VERY
18 UPSET, THAT 18 HOMEOWNERS THAT SIGNED ON-- THERE COULD HAVE
19 BEEN MORE-- BUT WE GOT 18 HOMEOWNERS EQUALLY _____ TO THIS
20 APPEAL HERE. AND I HOPE THAT YOU CAN LOOK IN THE LIKES OF US,
21 THE NEIGHBORS HERE, ABOUT THIS PROJECT HERE, AND I HOPE THAT
22 YOU CAN UNDERSTAND THAT THEY NEED TO WORK WITH US. THEY NEED
23 TO WORK WITH US CLOSELY SO WE'RE IN COEXISTENCE. LIKE I SAID,
24 I THINK THIS IS A GREAT PROJECT AND I HOPE YOU WILL REVERSE



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1 THE DECISION AND COME BACK, HAVE THEM COME BACK TO US AND WORK
2 WITH US TO COME UP WITH A BETTER PLAN. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. JUST ADJOURNMENTS, IT'S JUST
5 SUPPOSED TO BE 60 SECONDS.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** JUST 2 SECONDS, IT WON'T EVEN TAKE THAT
8 LONG. MADAME CHAIR, I'M GOING TO GO HOME. BUT I WANTED TO
9 ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF--

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE'RE GOING TO BAG HIM AND SEND HIM HOME.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IN MEMORY OF BOB POPESCU, WHO WAS THE CO-
14 OWNER OF THE CATALINA BAR AND GRILL WHICH FOR 20 YEARS HAS
15 BEEN ONE OF OUR COMMUNITY'S PREMIER JAZZ, SUPPER CLUBS AND
16 NIGHT SPOTS, DIED OF A HEART ATTACK AT THE AGE OF 77. YOU DID?
17 OH, OKAY. I APOLOGIZE. OKAY. THAT'S FINE. AND ARMY SERGEANT
18 DAVID J. HART, WHO WAS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY AT THE AGE
19 OF 22, SERVING IN IRAQ. WAS ONE OF THREE TROOPS KILLED IN A
20 FIRE FIGHT EARLIER THIS MONTH. WAS ASSIGNED TO THE SECOND
21 BATTALION OF 327TH INFANTRY REGIMENT, PART OF THE 101ST
22 AIRBORNE DIVISION, OUT OF FORT CAMPBELL, KENTUCKY. HE WAS
23 RAISED IN LAKE VIEW TERRACE, IN OUR DISTRICT. HIS FAMILY IS
24 VERY ACTIVE IN THE COMMUNITY. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE
25 NICOLE, HIS PARENTS, JACK AND SHERI. HIS BROTHER DANIEL AND



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1 SISTER SARAH. HIS MOTHER, FATHER-IN-LAW RUTH AND RUTH AND
2 RAMIRO GONZALEZ. THAT'S IT.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** GIVE YOUR NAME BEFORE YOU SPEAK.

5

6 **JIM DODS:** MY NAME IS JIM DODS AND I LIVED IN MY HOUSE FOR 28
7 YEARS. WHEN I RESIGNED MY COMMISSION IN 1980 AND STOPPED
8 PLAYING "THE RUSSIANS ARE COMING" IN GERMANY, I CAME HOME AND
9 BOUGHT A HOUSE BEFORE IT WAS TOO LATE. AND FRANKLY, MY
10 NEIGHBORS BACK THEN LAUGHED AT ME BECAUSE THEY THOUGHT I HAD A
11 LOVE AFFAIR WITH MY HOUSE, WHICH I DID. I WORKED ON IT EVERY
12 WEEKEND, FIXED IT UP. PUT SIDEWALK IN. BUT A NEW DRIVEWAY IN.
13 PUT A NEW LAWN IN. PUT A POOL IN. PUT A FAMILY ROOM IN. AND
14 WHEN I CAME HOME AT NIGHT AND CLOSED MY DOOR AND I KNEW I WAS
15 HOME, AND I WAS ENTITLED TO MY PRIVACY. AND MICHAEL MILKEN
16 ONCE SAID "WHEN YOU ARE HOME, YOU INSULATE YOURSELF FROM
17 CHANGE." AND THAT'S WHAT MY HOUSE MEANS TO ME. IT'S LIFE AND
18 LOVE AND FAMILY AND FRIENDS. AND I FEEL I'M BEING VIOLATED
19 BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT I'M NOT GOING TO HAVE ANY PRIVACY.
20 THIS BUILDING IS GOING TO BE ADJACENT TO MY BACKYARD. I WON'T
21 HAVE ANY PRIVACY IN MY FAMILY ROOM, MY BEDROOM, MY BACKYARD.
22 IT'S NOT JUST ME. IT'S FIVE OTHER RESIDENTS THAT HAVE THE SAME
23 SITUATION. AESTHETICALLY I DON'T THINK THIS BUILDING-- IT'S
24 GOING TO BE A MONSTER. IT'S GOING TO BE LIKE THE OIL WELL IN



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1 BEVERLY HILLS. BASICALLY I'M OPPOSING THE PROJECT. THAT'S MY
2 POSITION. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SANJEEV PAWAR:** MY NAME IS SANJEEV PAWAR, AND I WANT TO TALK
5 ABOUT THE NOISE POLLUTION. I HAVE A DAUGHTER WHO IS A SPECIAL
6 CHILD. AND WHEN SHE HEAR SOUNDS, SHE DOES TEND TO ACT UP. AND
7 SINCE THIS IS GOING TO BE A SENIOR HOUSING PROJECT, WE CAN
8 EXPECT AMBULANCES TO COME THERE AND GO. AND I BELIEVE THAT THE
9 SOUND THAT COMES FROM NOISE POLLUTION IS GOING TO AFFECT MY
10 DAUGHTER IN A WAY THAT I MIGHT NOT KNOW HOW TO REACT AT ONE
11 TIME. BECAUSE WE DO-- I MEAN LIKE I SAID, SHE'S SUFFERING FROM
12 AUTISM, WHICH IS A PROBLEM THAT SPECIAL KIDS HAVE. AND THEY
13 HAVE TENDENCY TO REACT TO CERTAIN SOUNDS, CERTAIN THINGS. AND
14 I BELIEVE SINCE THIS COMPLEX IS RIGHT BEHIND MY YARD, IT'S
15 RIGHT BEHIND MY YARD AND MY DAUGHTER PLAYS OUT THERE-- SHE MAY
16 BE IN THE POOL AND SOMETIME AMBULANCE COMES UP, SHE MAY JUST
17 PANIC. AND WE WOULD NOT KNOW WHAT TO DO. SO THAT'S WHY I HAVE
18 THE BIG CONCERN REGARDING THIS PROJECT. WE'RE NOT AGAINST THE
19 PROJECT, BUT LIKE MY OTHER PEOPLE SAID, 28 HOUSES IS JUST TOO
20 MUCH. THANK YOU.

21

22 **IGNACIO CANO:** MY NAME IS IGNACIO CANO. I LIVE NEXT DOOR TO
23 THIS PROPOSED PROJECT. I MOVED INTO THIS PROPERTY SEVEN YEARS
24 AGO. WE REALLY LIKED THE PROPERTY. WE HAVE A FAMILY WITH TWO
25 KIDS. WE ARE TRYING TO RAISE OUR FAMILY PEACEFULLY AND HEALTHY



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1 IN THIS COMMUNITY. WITH THIS PROJECT THAT'S COMING, IT'S
2 REALLY COMING AND MESS UP OUR VIEW, CREATE MORE-- IT'S GOING
3 TO CREATE-- LOGICALLY IT'S GOING TO CREATE MORE TRAFFIC. 28
4 UNITS WILL CREATE A LOT MORE TRAFFIC. IT'S GOING TO BE AT
5 LEAST 30 MORE CARS COMING TO THIS COMMUNITY. AND THEN MOVING
6 EVERY MORNING OR EVEN THE EVENING. SO IT'S ALREADY-- DUARTE
7 ROAD, IT'S ONE OF THE STREETS THAT HAVE BECOME REALLY HIGH
8 TRAFFIC IN THE PEAK HOURS. SO I WOULD REALLY APPRECIATE IF YOU
9 CONSIDER THIS PROJECT. IT'S A MONSTER PROJECT; 28 UNITS IS TOO
10 MUCH FOR THE COMMUNITY. I THINK IF THEY CAN REDUCE IT TO 20
11 UNITS, I WOULD GO FOR IT. AND ALSO THE HEIGHT OF THE BUILDING,
12 THREE STORIES? IT IS NOT EVEN THREE STORIES AROUND THE
13 NEIGHBORHOOD. THERE IS ANOTHER APARTMENT UNIT NEXT TO IT, IT'S
14 ONLY TWO STORIES. THEY CAN GET THAT HEIGHT AT LEAST WE WOULD
15 COLLABORATE WITH OUR NEIGHBORS. SO I THINK WE LIKE EACH OTHER.
16 I WOULD LIKE, YOU KNOW, FOR THEM, TOO, TO CONSIDER OUR POINT
17 OF VIEW.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU, IGNACIO.

20

21 **JOHN FUNG:** MY NAME IS JOHN FUNG. I'M CHINESE. WHY I SAY I'M
22 CHINESE? BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, CHINESE FAMILY ALWAYS LIKE THE OLD
23 TRADITION, THE BIG FAMILY. MY GRANDMOTHER 81 YEARS OLD, MY
24 GRANDSON IS FOUR YEARS OLD, SO WE HAVE THE BIG FAMILY IN
25 THERE. ALSO WE HAVE THE PROBLEM BECAUSE MY HOUSE, THE THIRD



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1 ONE OR THE SECOND HOUSE, AND WE HAVE THE APARTMENT ALREADY IN
2 THE DUARTE AND IN THE ROSE MEADE. SO THAT APARTMENT ALWAYS HAS
3 A LOT OF RENTERS. THEY HAVE THE CAR, AND THEY ARE ALREADY
4 PARKING IN OUR STREET. GIVE US A LOT OF PROBLEMS. AND ALSO
5 THERE REALLY IS MY SON AND DAUGHTER-IN-LAW, EVERY MORNING,
6 THEY WORK, THEY WON'T GO TO STREET, EVEN CAN'T, BECAUSE DUARTE
7 HAVE TOO MANY CARS. THERE ARE THOSE PEOPLE THAT LIVE IN
8 ARCADIA, IN THAT AREA, THEY JUST GO THROUGH. X BEFORE, I KNOW,
9 WE LIVED THERE NEARLY OVER 15 YEARS, SO I KNOW THAT BEFORE
10 THAT, THAT STREET WAS QUIET. BUT NOW THERE ARE A LOT OF
11 TRAFFIC THERE. EVEN IN THE MORNING WE CAN'T GO OUT THE STREET.
12 MY SON HAS TO CHANGE THE WAY AND GO TO ROSEMEAD AND GET THE
13 LIGHT BECAUSE THERE IS A STOP. SO THAT ROAD, DUARTE, NO STOP.
14 SO WE HAVE TO WAIT, WAIT, WAIT. THEN NO WAY. SO WE HAVE TO
15 TURN AROUND TO ROSEMEAD, THEN WE GET THE LIGHT. THEN WE CAN GO
16 TO THE WORK. SO A LOT OF TROUBLES IN THERE. AND ALSO THOSE
17 GUYS SAY THAT THEY WOULD BUILD 28 UNITS. WE THINK IT IS TOO
18 MUCH. EVEN IF IT IS SENIOR, BECAUSE I'M SENIOR, TOO. THE
19 SENIORS DO HAVE TWO CARS LIVING THERE. THEY ONLY HAVE TWO
20 CARS, BUT THEY ONLY HAVE 29 PARKING LOTS. SO IF ONE ROOM HAS
21 TWO CARS, THAT MEANS THE 56 CARS WILL BE THERE. SO THAT MEANS
22 NEARLY 20 CARS SHOULD BE PARKING IN THE STREET. SO WHERE THEY
23 PARK, BECAUSE ROSEMEAD AND DUARTE DON'T ALLOW THEM TO PARKING?
24 SO THEY HAVE TO PARK IN THE SULTANA, IN OUR LITTLE STREETS.
25 THAT IS VERY DANGEROUS FOR OUR GRANDSON. EVEN AFTER MY



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1 GRANDSON GET OFF SCHOOL, I CAN'T LET HIM OUT, BECAUSE TOO MANY
2 CARS IN THERE. THE REASON IS THAT IF YOU KNOW THAT AREA, YOU
3 WILL KNOW THAT DUARTE IS LIKE THIS, ROSEMEAD LIKE THIS. SO
4 ROSEMEAD IS ALREADY FULL OF TRAFFIC. SO THE CARS, THEY ALWAYS
5 USED TO OUR STREET TO GO OUT. SO ALREADY IN THE 5 O'CLOCK, 6
6 O'CLOCK, EVEN IN THE MORNING, YOU CAN'T STAND OUT. SO WE THINK
7 IF WE STILL ADD OVER 50 CARS IN THAT AREA, THAT IS HORRIBLE
8 FOR US, WHATEVER THE PARKING LAW OR TRAFFIC. SO THANKS A LOT.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. SINCE THE REGIONAL PLANNING
11 COMMISSION HEARING, MY OFFICE, SUSAN EMER AND PAUL NOVAK
12 WORKED WITH THE NEIGHBORS WHO LIVE ON SULTANA AVENUE TO
13 UNDERSTAND THEIR CONCERNS RELATIVE TO THE HEIGHT, THE DENSITY,
14 THE VIEWS. AND BASED ON THOSE CONVERSATIONS, I'M GOING TO PUT
15 FORTH SOME REVISIONS RELATIVE TO THOSE POINTS THAT WERE MADE.
16 I WOULD MOVE THAT THE BOARD CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING ADOPTING
17 THE NEGATIVE DECLARATION WITH OUR INTENT TO APPROVE
18 C.U.P.2005-01185 AND DIRECT THE COUNSEL TO PREPARE THE FINDING
19 AND CONDITIONS FOR BOARD'S APPROVAL SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING
20 REVISIONS: ONE, THAT THE HEIGHT OF THE BUILDING WILL NOT
21 EXCEED TWO STORIES, A MAXIMUM OF 25 SENIOR CITIZEN APARTMENTS.
22 THE HEIGHT OF BOTH BUILDINGS SHALL NOT EXCEED 26 FEET. THAT
23 THEY WILL PROVIDE SCREENING TREES ON THE WESTERN PROPERTY LINE
24 TO PROVIDE A VISUAL BUFFER TO SOFTEN THE NEIGHBORS' VIEW OF
25 THE PROJECT. NEW TREES SHALL BE 24 INCH BOX OR LARGER. WHILE



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1 18 PARKING SPACES ARE REQUIRED, I'M GOING TO REQUIRE THAT A
2 MINIMUM OF 28 PARKING STALLS BE PROVIDED. THE FIRST FLOOR OF
3 THE WESTERLY BUILDING BE SETBACK A MINIMUM OF 13-1/2 FEET OF
4 THE PROPERTY LINE AD JOINING SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES TO THE WEST
5 ON SANTANA AVENUE. AND THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE WESTERLY
6 BUILDING SHALL BE SET BACK A MINIMUM OF 18 FEET FROM THE
7 PROPERTY LINE ADJOINING SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES ON THE WEST
8 SANTANA AVENUE; AND THAT THE TRASH ENCLOSURE BE RELOCATED TO
9 THE EAST SIDE OF THE DRIVEWAY AND THAT THE REVISED EXHIBIT A
10 REQUIRED AND THE CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL SHOULD INCORPORATE
11 THESE REVISIONS. AND I ALSO WANT TO THANK JOHN WU AND THE
12 NEIGHBORS-- EXCUSE ME, FRED WU AND THE NEIGHBORS FOR THEIR
13 INVOLVEMENT IN HIGHLIGHTING SOME OF THE ISSUES THAT WERE NOT
14 ADDRESSED PROPERLY AT THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION. SO
15 WITH THOSE AMENDMENTS, MADAME CHAIR, I'D MAKE THE MOTION.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SECONDED BY KNABE, WITHOUT OBJECTION, OR
18 SHOULD WE CALL THE ROLL? IS THERE ANY OBJECTION? WITHOUT
19 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. SUPERVISOR KNABE, WOULD YOU DO YOUR
20 ADJOURNMENTS, THEN WE'LL GO ON TO THE NEXT ITEM.

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22 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAME CHAIR, UNFORTUNATELY, I HAVE A NUMBER OF
23 ADJOURNMENTS. FIRST OF ALL, I HAD AN EXTREMELY ROUGH WEEKEND
24 IN MY DISTRICT WITH GANG RELATED ISSUES. FIRST OF ALL, I ASK
25 THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DENNIS MOSES, WHO WAS SHOT



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1 TRAGICALLY DURING A PARTY ON SATURDAY NIGHT. 17 YEARS OLD, A
2 RESIDENT OF LONG BEACH. WILL BE SORELY MISSED BY HIS FAMILY
3 AND FRIENDS. THE SAME PARTY, ANOTHER YOUNG LADY WAS TRAGICALLY
4 KILLED, AND THAT WAS BREON TAYLOR, A RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES.
5 SHE WAS THE DAUGHTER OF FORMER DISTRICT DIRECTOR FOR
6 CONGRESSWOMAN MCDONALD. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF
7 IKIME SIMS, WHO WAS TRAGICALLY MURDERED ON SUNDAY. HE WAS 20
8 YEARS OLD AND A RESIDENT OF LONG BEACH. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN
9 IN THE MEMORY OF MR. STEVE ANDERSON. STEVE PASSED AWAY ON
10 JANUARY 16 AT THE YOUNG AGE OF 55. HE WAS BORN IN LOS ANGELES,
11 RESIDED IN LA HABRA. HE RECENTLY JOINED THE METROPOLITAN WATER
12 DISTRICT. I WAS OVER THERE JUST A FEW DAYS BEFORE THIS
13 HAPPENED AND VISITED WITH HIM WHEN I SWORE IN A COUPLE OF
14 MEMBERS OVER THERE, AND A FEW DAYS LATER, HE HAD A MASSIVE
15 HEART ATTACK AND PASSED AWAY. HE'S ON THE LA HABRA CITY
16 COUNCIL, AND SERVED THREE TERMS AS MAYOR. STEVE ANDERSON FROM
17 LA HABRA, AND HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE JOSIE, SONS CHRIS AND
18 ERIC, AND GRANDDAUGHTER, SAVANNAH. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE
19 MEMORY OF PAUL CARLSON. I'VE KNOWN PAUL FOR A LONG TIME AND HE
20 WAS ON THAT PLANE THAT CRASHED. HE'S FROM CERRITOS. HE WAS ON
21 THAT PLANE CRASH OVER THE WEEKEND OUT IN CORONA. HE WAS A
22 LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF THE CERRITOS, RETIRED MAJOR IN THE
23 UNITED STATES ARMY, VERY ACTIVE IN THE ROTARY CLUB, AND
24 COMMUNITY FAMILY GUIDANCE CENTER AND THE GADABOUTS. HE IS
25 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE SHARUN. ALSO ANOTHER CERRITOS RESIDENT



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1 THAT WAS KILLED IN THAT CRASH, SCOTT LAWRENCE. HE WAS 55 YEARS
2 OLD. HE OWNED AND OPERATED HIS OWN INCOME TAX AND BOOKKEEPING
3 SERVICE IN EAST WHITTIER. VERY ACTIVE IN LA HABRA CHAMBER.
4 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE SARAH, AND TWO GROWN CHILDREN. ALSO THAT
5 WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF MARGE RISHER, WHO PASSED AWAY
6 RECENTLY IN MONTEBELLO AT THE AGE OF 85. SHE AND HER HUSBAND
7 WERE THE CO-FOUNDERS OF RISHER MORTUARIES AND OBVIOUSLY VERY
8 INVOLVED WITH THE AMBULANCE SERVICE. SHE WAS VERY LOVING WITH
9 HER FAMILY, VERY INVOLVED. SHE ENJOYED PLAYING THE ORGAN AT
10 HOME, GARDENING AND TRAVELING, AND SPENDING TIME WITH HER
11 GRANDCHILDREN. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND OF 65 YEARS,
12 RAYMOND, SON ROBERT, DAUGHTER BARBARA, SEVEN GRANDCHILDREN AND
13 FIVE GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY
14 OF MR. MARTY SCHUSTER. MARTY, I'VE KNOWN FOR A LONG TIME, IS A
15 LONG-TIME RESIDENT, PASSED AWAY YESTERDAY AT THE YOUNG AGE OF
16 46. HE WAS VERY INVOLVED WITH THE REALTOR ASSOCIATION,
17 LAKEWOOD CHAMBER, LAKEWOOD'S RECREATION COMMITTEE, THE ROTARY
18 CLUB, BOY SCOUTS. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS PARENTS AND WIFE OF 22
19 YEARS, SHERI AND HIS THREE SONS, MARTY JR., JACOB AND ADAM.
20 ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF LENNIE WAGNER, WHO
21 PASSED AWAY ON JANUARY 15TH. SHE SERVED ON HAWAIIAN GARDENS
22 CITY COUNCIL AND WAS A MAYOR IN THE LATE '80S. SHE WAS THE
23 OWNER OF MINGENDOLL'S KENNEL IN HAWAIIAN GARDENS. ALSO THAT WE
24 ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF TERRY O'DONNELL, A LIFELONG RESIDENT
25 OF SOUTH BAY. HE WAS AN EAGLE SCOUT, TAUGHT AT EL CAMINO AND



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1 HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 42 YEARS, KATHY, DAUGHTERS TIMMY
2 AND KELLY AND FOUR GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE
3 MEMORY OF JOHN LOA, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 97. HE IS
4 SURVIVED BY HIS SONS, JOHN LOA, JR., LEONARD LOA, 10
5 GRANDCHILDREN, ONE OF WHOM IS RICHARD FIERRO, WHO WE ALL KNOW,
6 23 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN, 15 GREAT, GREAT GRANDCHILDREN, AND TWO
7 GREAT, GREAT, GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. HE WILL BE MISSED. ALSO
8 THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF CHARLES HOLLOWAY, A WORLD WAR
9 II NAVY VETERAN, SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 62 YEARS, VIRGINIA,
10 CHILDREN, GRANDCHILDREN, AND GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO THAT WE
11 ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF MEL DRISCOLL, VERY ACTIVE IN LONG
12 BEACH AND SIGNAL HILL, PARTICULARLY IN YOUTH BASEBALL. HE IS
13 SURVIVED BY HIS CHILDREN DEBORAH, SHAWN, VINCENT AND ANGELA
14 AND THEIR MOTHER, ELOISE, FIVE GRANDCHILDREN AND HIS PARTNER
15 OF 15 YEARS, PAT DOLPHIN AND HER CHILDREN. ALSO THAT WE
16 ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF ANTONIO BROWN, LONG-TIME LAKE ROAD
17 RESIDENT AND LONG-TIME LONG BEACH TEACHER, PASSED AWAY AT THE
18 VERY YOUNG AGE OF 56. LONG BEACH STATE GRADUATE, TAUGHT
19 ENGLISH AND PARENTING CLASSES, COMPUTER CLASSES. HE IS
20 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE MARTHA, BROTHERS SANTOS, SISTER MYRNA,
21 LETICIA AND MARYBETH AS WELL AS MANY NIECES AND NEPHEWS. ALSO
22 THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF CHRISTINA WINZER, 29-YEAR-OLD
23 SAN PEDRO ANIMAL SHELTER EMPLOYEE WHO PASSED AWAY ON JANUARY
24 11TH. SHE HAD A WINNING WAY WITH PEOPLE AND ANIMALS AND WILL
25 BE MISSED IMMENSELY. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER SONS TREVOR AND



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1 DEVIN, MOTHER TAMMY, A BROTHER, AND A PARTNER, JUSTIN. AND AS
2 SUPERVISOR BURKE ALREADY-- JOHN STOGER FROM COOK COUNTY, A
3 LEGEND FOR COUNTY SUPERVISORS, A LEGEND IN M.A.A.C.O.

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5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** EVERYWHERE. I DIDN'T MENTION THAT HIS
6 HOSPITAL, THE HOSPITAL NAMED AFTER HIM, THAT HE WORKED SO HARD
7 FOR MANY YEARS. SO ORDERED. DO YOU WANT TO CALL THE--
8 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, DO YOU WANT TO DO YOUR--

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'D LIKE TO MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE
11 MEMORY OF JOHN BRODHEAD. HE HAD STARTED SITEMAN/BRODHEAD
12 ADVERTISING AT 62, AND HE INITIATED THE FUNDINGS TO BUILD THE
13 GYMNASIUM AT ST. FRANCIS AND LA CANADA. DOING VARIOUS PRO BONO
14 WORK FOR VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS. RICHARD KNERR, WHO WAS THE CO-
15 FOUNDER OF WHAM-O. THOSE WERE THE DEVELOPERS OF THE HULA HOOP
16 AND THE FRISBEE. HE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 82. HE STARTED
17 THE COMPANY IN 1948 IN PASADENA, BECAME A MULTI-BILLION-DOLLAR
18 ORGANIZATION COMPANY. AND HE WAS ACTIVE IN THE SAN GABRIEL
19 COMMUNITY. ALSO IN MEMORY OF PAMELA MCCORMICK BLECKSMITH. SHE
20 WAS INVOLVED WITH THE BROWNIES AND GIRL SCOUTS, WORKED
21 PREVIOUSLY FOR REPRESENTATIVE BOB MATHIAS IN WASHINGTON, D.C.,
22 A CONGRESSMAN, ACTIVE IN THE JUNIOR LEAGUE AND THE SAN MARINO
23 P.T.A. AND WAS INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY. JOSE ORMONDE,
24 RETIRED, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 39, LOS ANGELES COUNTY
25 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND HE WORKED THE SAN DIMAS STATION,



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1 WHERE HE HAD SERVED FOR 20 YEARS. AND GRACE PESCHELT, SHE
2 PASSED AWAY ON NOVEMBER 28TH AT THE AGE OF ARE 92. HER HUSBAND
3 WAS DOCTOR PESCHELT, A DENTIST/ ORTHODONTIST IN WEST LOS
4 ANGELES AND QUITE INVOLVED WITH HER FAMILY AND COMMUNITY. HE
5 LATER RETIRED AND SHE AND HER FAMILY MOVED TO THE DESERT AREA,
6 SO I'D LIKE TO MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN THEIR MEMORIES. FOR
7 NEXT WEEK, I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL
8 CONTROL GIVE US A REPORT ON THE ABUSED ANIMALS AND NEGLECTED
9 ANIMALS THAT WERE FOUND ON A RANCH IN LANCASTER, WHICH WERE
10 RESCUED SATURDAY. AND WE'D LIKE TO KNOW WHAT HAS HAPPENED AND
11 WHO IS RESPONSIBLE AND HOW WE COULD HOLD THOSE RESPONSIBLE AND
12 THEY COULD MAKE THAT REPORT NEXT WEEK AT OUR BOARD MEETING.
13 THOSE ARE MY MOTIONS.

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15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE'LL GO BACK TO THE HEARING
16 ITEMS. DO YOU WANT TO CALL THE NEXT ITEM?

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18 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IF WE COULD GO BACK TO AGENDA ITEM NUMBER
19 1, MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. AFTER TABULATING THE
20 BALLOTS, A DETERMINATION HAS BEEN MADE THOUGH NO MAJORITY
21 PROTEST EXISTS AGAINST THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION AND LEVYING OF
22 ANNUAL ASSESSMENT FOR APPROVED TENTATIVE SUBDIVISION
23 TERRITORIES TO COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1687, AND
24 COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT L.L.A.-1, UNINCORPORATED ZONE FOR
25 PROJECTS NUMBER L082-2004, L022-2007, AND T.R.61617. AS A



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1 RESULT, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE BOARD TO ADOPT THE
2 RESOLUTION ORDERING ANNEXATION AND LEVYING OF ASSESSMENTS
3 WITHIN THE ANNEX APPROVED TENTATIVE SUBDIVISION TERRITORIES TO
4 COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1687, AND COUNTY LIGHTING
5 DISTRICT L.L.A.-1, UNINCORPORATED ZONE FOR PROJECTS NUMBER
6 L082-2004, L022-2007 AND T.R.61617.

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I SO MOVE. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA.
9 WITHOUT OBJECTION-- I'M SORRY. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT
10 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

11

12 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON AGENDA ITEM 2, MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF
13 THE BOARD, AFTER TABULATING THE BALLOTS, A DETERMINATION HAS
14 BEEN MADE THAT NO MAJORITY PROTEST EXISTS AGAINST THE PROPOSED
15 ANNEXATION AND LEVYING OF ANNUAL ASSESSMENT OF SUBDIVISION
16 TERRITORIES TO COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1687 AND
17 COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT L.L.A.-1 UNINCORPORATED ZONE FOR
18 PROJECT NUMBERS T.R.53466, L020-998, T.R.47200 AND P.M.71366.
19 AS A RESULT, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE BOARD TO ADOPT
20 THE RESOLUTIONS ORDERING ANNEXATION AND LEVYING OF ANNUAL
21 ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE ANNEXED SUBDIVISION TERRITORIES TO
22 COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1687 AND COUNTY LIGHTING
23 DISTRICT L.L.A.-1 UNINCORPORATED ZONE FOR PROJECT NUMBERS
24 T.R.53466, L020-99A, T.R.24007 AND P.M.173366.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I MOVE AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR
2 ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

3

4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND ON AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 3, MADAME CHAIR,
5 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, AFTER TABULATING THE BALLOTS, A
6 DETERMINATION HAS BEEN MADE THAT NO MAJORITY PROTEST EXISTS
7 AGAINST THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION AND LEVYING OF ANNUAL
8 ASSESSMENTS FOR PETITION NUMBER 149-1106, PETUNIA STREET, TO
9 COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1687 AND COUNTY LIGHTING
10 DISTRICT L.L.A.-1, UNINCORPORATED ZONE CHARTER OAK AREA. AS A
11 RESULT, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE BOARD TO ADOPT A
12 RESOLUTION ORDERING ANNEXATION AND LEVYING OF ASSESSMENTS FOR
13 PETITION NUMBER 149-1106, PETUNIA STREET TO COUNTY LIGHTING
14 MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1687 AND COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT L.L.A.-
15 1. UNINCORPORATED ZONE CHARTER OAK AREA.

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17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'LL MOVE IT AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR
18 MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

19

20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MADAME CHAIR, THAT COMPLETES THE PUBLIC
21 HEARING ITEMS

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23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** HAVE WE FINISHED ALL OF THEM? WE'LL
24 CONTINUE THE OTHERS, RIGHT?

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THEN WE HAVE ITEM 13, 15, AND 20.

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3 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES. WE HAVE ONE PERSON WHO HAS ASKED TO BE
4 HEARD. DR. CLAVREUL. ANYBODY ELSE?

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6 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THIRTEEN, 15, AND 20.

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND MR. SACHS, DO YOU WANT TO START COMING
9 DOWN HERE FOR NUMBER 15? DR. CLAVREUL, WERE YOU IN AN AUTO
10 ACCIDENT?

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12 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** NO, I HAD SURGERY ON MY LEFT ELBOW. I
13 HAD TENNIS ELBOW. I SHOULD SAY CANE ELBOW. AND TODAY IT HAS
14 BEEN VERY PAINFUL TO SIT DOWN DURING ALL THAT TIME.

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16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE WOULD HAVE CALLED IT EARLIER. I DIDN'T
17 KNOW.

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19 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** I MADE A COMMITMENT TO BE HERE. ON
20 ITEM 13, IT'S AN ITEM ABOUT INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AGAIN. AND
21 YOU KNOW, MANY MONTHS AGO, I HAD ASKED FOR A TOTAL BREAKDOWN
22 OF MANY OF THE CONTRACTS WE HAD IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY. I
23 STILL HAVE NOT RECEIVED IT, AND I DON'T THINK, YOU KNOW, EVERY
24 TIME WE SEE NEW-- YOU KNOW, NEW TECHNOLOGY ITEM AND EVERYTHING
25 IS DELAYED, YOU KNOW, SO I THINK WE'RE NOT DOING OUR JOB AND I



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1 WOULD STILL LIKE TO SEE THE BREAKDOWN. ON ITEM 15, YOU KNOW,
2 I'M VERY OPPOSED TO THAT RAISE TO MR. COOLEY, AND I AM TOTALLY
3 APPALLED TO THE COMMENT THAT MR. PELMAN MADE ABOUT TO THE
4 NEWSPAPER, THAT IT JUST WAS A MINOR TECHNICAL VIOLATION TO NOT
5 DIVULGE THE TAPE WHICH LED TO THE CLOSURE OF KING/DREW. THAT
6 WAS NOT A MINOR TECHNICAL VIOLATION. IT IS APPALLING THAT
7 SOMEBODY WOULD SAY THAT. I'M SURE THE PEOPLE IN WATTS WERE NOT
8 RECEIVING THE CARE BECAUSE THE TRAUMA CENTER HAS BEEN CLOSED.
9 I DON'T THINK THAT WAS A MINOR VIOLATION. THAT WAS A HUGE
10 VIOLATION. THE DECISION TO CLOSE THE TRAUMA CENTER WAS DONE
11 BEHIND CLOSED DOORS, AND TO THIS DAY, WE HAVE NEVER SEEN THE
12 TAPE. AND IF IT WAS NOT THAT BAD, WHY DON'T YOU SHOW THE TAPE?
13 I THINK IT WAS A HUGE VIOLATION. AND YOU, SUPERVISOR KNABE,
14 YOU SAID YOU ASSUME THAT MR. COOLEY WAS DOING FOLLOW UP ON
15 VIOLATION OF THE BROWN ACT. WELL, DON'T ASSUME. BECAUSE HE'S
16 NOT DOING IT. AND I THINK TO SEE THE KIND OF MONEY HE'S
17 GETTING, YOU KNOW. IN THE PAST, PEOPLE USED TO WORK FOR THE
18 GOVERNMENT OR PUBLIC SERVANT BECAUSE THEY HAD DIFFERENT
19 PRIVILEGES. WE DON'T HAVE TO COMPARE THE PAY SCALE TO, YOU
20 KNOW, FOR PROFIT, BECAUSE THERE ARE MUCH OTHER BENEFITS. SO I
21 THINK, YOU KNOW, WE ARE IN A TREMENDOUS FINANCIAL STRESSFUL
22 SITUATION. WE PROBABLY STAND ALTHOUGH LOSE \$440 MILLION FROM
23 THE STATE. OUR BUDGET HERE WAS TOTALLY PREDICATED ON TAXES.
24 THE HOUSING MARKET IS FALLING TO PIECES. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A
25 HUGE DEFICIT AND TO HAVE ALL THOSE PAY INCREASES IS ABSOLUTELY



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1 BEYOND THE BOUGHS, YOU KNOW, NOT NEEDED. ON ITEM 20, I'M VERY
2 SURPRISED THAT WE ARE NOT GETTING ANY MORE INFORMATION ABOUT
3 THE REPLACEMENT OR THE REOPENING OF KING/DREW. I WOULD LIKE
4 THAT TO COME BACK TO BE TALKED ABOUT. THAT WOULD BE NICE. IT
5 HAS BEEN A LONG TIME AND WE STILL DON'T HAVE A BUDGET FROM
6 D.H.S. I THINK, YOU KNOW, I WOULD LIKE VERY MUCH TO HAVE IT.
7 THANK YOU.

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9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MR. SACHS.

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11 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** FOR YOU, MY RESPONSE TO THE COMMENT
12 MADE BY MR. PELLMAN TO "THE DAILY NEWS," SO I WOULD LIKE TO
13 GIVE YOU MY RESPONSE TO THE EDITORIAL.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ON 13, MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY
16 ANTONOVICH.

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18 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MADAM CHAIR, ON THAT ONE, THE ITEM WAS
19 BEING REFERRED BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT.

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OH. ITEM 13 IS BEING REFERRED BACK TO THE
22 DEPARTMENT. WITHOUT OBJECTION. AND ITEM 15, I THINK THAT MR.
23 SACHS WANTS TO SPEAK ON 15.

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1 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ARNOLD SACHS. GOOD
2 AFTERNOON. I ALSO AM APPALLED AT THE ACTION TAKEN FOR THE
3 D.A.'S RAISE, BUT AS MUCH AS THAT, I'M APPALLED THAT NOT ONLY
4 IS HE GETTING A RAISE OF 55,000, WHICH IS MORE THAN THE AMOUNT
5 YOU'VE ALLOCATED FOR THE OUTREACH WORKERS FOR YOUR PROJECT 50
6 HOMELESS PROGRAM BY 11,000, HE'S ALSO GETTING A RAISE EVERY
7 YEAR NOW, UP TO 4 PERCENT. AND I'M WONDERING, THE RAISE THAT
8 WAS GIVEN TO THE COUNTY WORKERS THIS PAST YEAR THAT THE EX-
9 C.E.O. MANAGED TO DO SOME FANTASTIC MATH. PERSONALLY, I THINK
10 THE HOSPITAL CLOSED SO THAT THE COUNTY WORKERS COULD GET A PAY
11 RAISE. WILL THEY BE GETTING A 4 PERCENT OR UP TO A 4 PERCENT
12 COST OF LIVING INCREASE ALSO LIKE THE D.A. AND MAYBE HIS RAISE
13 NOT SO MUCH FAILURE TO INVESTIGATE THE BROWN ACT, BUT MORE OR
14 LESS FAILURE TO INVESTIGATE WHAT HAPPENED TO THE 66,000 TONS
15 OF WASTE THAT'S NOT BEING ACCOUNTED FOR AT SUNSHINE CANYON
16 LANDFILL. WE STILL DON'T KNOW WHERE THAT IS GOING, WHERE THE
17 FUNDING IS THAT WOULD BE COLLECTED FROM THAT 6,600 TONS A WEEK
18 OVER 5 YEARS-- COMES TO OVER 30 YEARS-- COMES TO 5 FREE YEARS
19 OF GARBAGE. WHERE IS THE FUNDING FOR THAT AND WHY ISN'T THE
20 COUNTY-- WHY ISN'T THE D.A. LOOKING INTO THAT? THANK YOU.

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22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ON ITEM 15, MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED
23 BY KNABE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. AND ON 20--



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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON 20, THAT WAS THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
2 HAD ASKED TO CONTINUE THAT ONE WEEK.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, IT'S CONTINUED ONE WEEK.
5 ON PUBLIC COMMENT, MR. SACHS.

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7 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I DID WANT TO --

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9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS THERE ANY OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT? ALL
10 RIGHT. YOU'RE THE ONLY PUBLIC COMMENT.

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12 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU AGAIN. MY PUBLIC COMMENT CONCERNS YOUR
13 PROJECT 50, AND WHEN YOU HAD THAT ON THE AGENDA FROM JANUARY
14 8TH, I SPOKE ON PART OF IT PRIOR TO YOUR DISCUSSION, AND THE
15 POINT THAT I SPOKE ABOUT WAS YOU'RE ALLOCATING \$500,000 TO
16 IDENTIFY 50 MOST VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS LIVING ON THE STREETS.
17 WHEN YOU HAD YOUR DISCUSSION, YOU MAGICALLY HAD IDENTIFIED THE
18 50 PEOPLE, INCLUDING IN THOSE 50 YOU MENTIONED SOMEBODY WHO
19 HAD BEEN HOMELESS FOR 26 YEARS, WHO ACTUALLY LASTED LONGER
20 THAN M.L.K. HOSPITAL. WOULD HE BE ELIGIBLE FOR A COUNTY STAR?
21 THE POINT OF THIS IS, IT WAS AN ARTICLE IN THE "DOWNTOWN NEWS"
22 THAT STATES THE 73,000 HOMELESS PEOPLE IN L.A., APPROXIMATELY
23 5,000 IN SKID ROW. MY CONCERN IS THAT THE 50 PEOPLE THAT
24 YOU'RE TARGETING ARE-- HAVE STAKED OUT AREAS THAT ARE IN--
25 THEY'RE NOT IN THE BEST PURPOSES FOR THE GRAND AVENUE PROJECT



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1 AND THE OTHER LARGE MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR PROJECTS THAT ARE
2 BEING PLANNED FOR DOWNTOWN L.A. AND THAT THEY NEED TO BE MOVED
3 AND SO THEY WILL BE MOVED SO THOSE PROJECTS CAN CONTINUE. BUT
4 I'D ALSO LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT ON ITEM NUMBER 16, WHEN YOU
5 ALLOCATED MORE FUNDING, YOU ALLOCATED \$5.6 MILLION-- THIS WAS,
6 AGAIN, FROM THE AGENDA ON JANUARY 8TH. YOU ALLOCATED 5.6
7 MILLION OVER TWO PROGRAM YEARS THREE EVALUATION YEARS TO FUND
8 THE PROJECT 50. LATER ON IN THE SAME AGENDA ITEM, YOU
9 ALLOCATED \$387,000 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2007/2008 FOR OUT-
10 PATIENT CLINIC, \$450,000 FOR THE-YEAR 2007/2008 FOR HEALTH
11 SERVICES, AND \$456,000 FOR THE HOUSING CARE MANAGEMENT, ON A
12 PRORATED BASIS. YOUR TWO WORKERS, AT 44,000, WERE FOR THE LAST
13 HALF YEAR OF FISCAL YEAR 2007/2008. MY QUESTION IS, WHY THE
14 WORKERS FOR HALF THE FISCAL YEAR AND THE FUNDING FOR THE
15 OUTPATIENT CLINIC, THE HEALTH SERVICES AND THE HOUSING CARE
16 MANAGEMENT PRORATED WHEN IT'S ALSO FOR HALF A YEAR? TOTAL
17 AMOUNT COMES TO ALMOST-- OVER \$1.3 MILLION. THAT PLUS \$5.6
18 MILLION COMES TO APPROXIMATELY THE \$7.1 MILLION ALLOCATED FOR
19 THE CENTERS THAT YOU HAD CALLED FOR BACK IN OCTOBER OF 2007
20 WHEN THE COUNTY'S HOMELESS PLAN HITS THE SKIDS, "LOS ANGELES
21 TIMES," L.A. EDITION, SUNDAY, 2007. SO YOU'RE JUST MIXING
22 FUNDING AROUND AND COMING UP WITH WHAT? THANK YOU VERY MUCH
23 FOR YOUR TIME.

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25 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?



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SUP. ANTONOVICH: FOR NEXT WEEK, I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE A MOTION
CO-AUTHORED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE AND THIS IS THE UNITED STATES
RECENTLY CONCLUDED THE HISTORIC FREE TRADE AGREEMENT
NEGOTIATIONS WITH KOREA IN APRIL OF 2007. THIS IS THE MOST
SIGNIFICANT TRADE AGREEMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN NEGOTIATED BY THE
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND TO BE RATIFIED BY THE UNITED
STATES CONGRESS. KOREA IS A TRILLION-DOLLAR ECONOMY IN L.A.
COUNTY, A MAJOR GATEWAY FOR MUCH OF THAT TRADE, WITH SEVERAL
BILLION DOLLARS GOING THROUGH THE PORTS OF LONG BEACH AND LOS
ANGELES. THIS WILL MORE PROVIDE A GREATER ECONOMIC PROSPERITY
FOR OUR REGION AND OUR NATION AND BRING OUR TWO COUNTRIES
CLOSER TOGETHER, SO WE'D MOVE THAT THE BOARD SUPPORT THE
RATIFICATION OF THE FREE TRADE AGREEMENT WITH KOREA, AS
NEGOTIATED BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. THAT'S FOR NEXT
WEEK.

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SUP. BURKE, CHAIR: FOR NEXT WEEK. IS THERE ANYTHING FURTHER?

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CLERK SACHI HAMAI: JUST THAT ITEM C.S.-2 WILL BE CONTINUED ONE
WEEK TO JANUARY 29TH, 2008.

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SUP. BURKE, CHAIR: SO ORDERED. WE ARE ADJOURNED.

24

CLERK SACHI HAMAI: THANK YOU.

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